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OLYMPIC SOCCER SNUB

SAYS DAVID JACK

THE Olympic Games have ended — but as far as Australian Soccer fans are concerned, they still haven't started!

Judging by the coverage given to the Olympic football tournament by Australia's media, we could be excused for imagining the biggest sport in the world had been wiped by organisers of the Los Angeles Olympics.

Reports of matches were almost non-existent. Even the bare results were ignored by the majority of newspapers.

Radio and television did no better.

It would have been amusing, had it not been tragic, to hear one well-known, experienced, commentator giving a run-down on the "marvellous" attendances at

so many sports.

He broadcast a list of sports and the crowds they had pulled in. He didn't mention the sport which attracted the biggest crowds of all... Soccer!

Even before the semi-finals were played, Soccer had been watched by more than a million spectators, even though the USA is NOT a Soccer-loving



nation.

How many Australians realise that a match between Egypt and France played at the Rose Bowl attracted 66,000 spectators?

How many know that the biggest attendance ever seen at a Soccer match in the USA (78,000) saw Costa Rica playing the USA at Palo Alto?

Even these huge figures were surpassed when the meaningless third and fourth place

play-off was watched by 97,000 spectators and the Rose Bowl was packed with 100,000 spectators for the Brazil - France final.

The average attendance at each preliminary game was almost 40,000. But Australian television viewers were fed Archery, Judo, Rowing and other such sports which had nothing like the spectator appeal of Soccer.

It is not only in Australia that Olympic Soccer was given the brush-off, the super snub.

Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, found it necessary to make a formal complaint to Olympic Games boss Juan

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE ACTION... as Sydney Olympic moved up the ladder with a 1-0 win over Penrith City at Cook Park. Panthers striker Brian Jackson (left) loses this aerial battle with Olympic defender Mike Coady. See report Page 6.



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EDITORIAL

SOCCKER likes to regard itself as an innovator among Australian sports and there could be good grounds for believing this is true.

It was Soccer which kicked off the switch of match days from Saturdays to Sundays, a move which followers of the other football codes now agree was logical and, indeed, essential. (In Melbourne, the VFL remains a Saturday competition but not entirely by choice.)

It was Soccer, too, which first experimented with matches under floodlights. Soccer also attired its referees and linesmen in the universally-accepted black uniforms while other codes preferred the old-fashioned white.

But times have changed. Soccer now thinks it should slavishly follow the other three footballing codes with its end-of-season play-off series.

If Sydney City win their section of the National Soccer League, even by a 10 point margin, they will get no recognition for the feat.

Similarly, if the other division is won by Heidelberg, the current leaders, it will mean nothing.

Sydney City and Heidelberg would be labelled "minor premiers," an honour of transparent virtue.

They will then be grouped with another four teams from each division in a contest to decide the "true" champion team.

This is nonsensical. Let us assume the fifth-placed team won the top five series. That team would be accorded champion status, despite finishing down the field in the only true test of ability ... the championship table.

In just about every country in the world, the team which finishes the normal season first past the post is the premier team.

Traditionally, Australian sport has its own strange way of finding its champions by using the top five or top four play-offs.

The system kills all incentive for a team to finish the regular season in top place. Why worry when you can be almost as well off by failing and finishing fifth?

When ASW discussed these things with an official of the NSL, we were told: "This is the system used by other sports in Australia so Soccer must follow suit."

The obvious reply to that comment is ... why? Is Australian Rules, Rugby Union and Rugby League so much better than Soccer that we have to do everything those codes do?

We have nothing against a top five

or top four series in principle. It adds an extra dimension to the Soccer programme at the end of the season and, in theory, should produce extra gate receipts.

The danger is that by upgrading this contrived end-of-season carnival, it is inevitable that the real battle, the true test of every team's ability, is going to be downgraded.

We mean the so-called minor premiership. If justice is to be done, it should still be seen as the major premiership.

This year, there have been many innovations in the National League. Few have improved the game. Indeed, crowd figures, probably at their lowest for 25 years, clearly indicate that spectators prefer Soccer as it used to be.

The sport is good enough to survive without borrowing any gimmicks from other football codes or from sport in the USA.

PENRITH REVENGE

MARCONI, fighting to stay in the Top Four of the Australian Conference of the NSL, will be without their skipper Tony Henderson for Sunday's home match against Penrith.

Henderson is out suspended after receiving a caution in last Sunday's match against Leichhardt.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug is likely to name Berti Mariani as Henderson's centre back replacement.

Rene Licata is expected to hold his position on the left flank after being promoted last Sunday to take Peter Sharne's spot.

Penrith City will again be looking for another big match from big centre-back Davie McIntosh, who, like his team mates, wants revenge.

In the first round Marconi crushed Penrith 7-1, and McIntosh, who played in that match, vowed that it won't happen again.

"I marked Rod Brown that day, and he killed me. It won't happen a second time, I promise you," warned the giant 30 year old Scottish

enforcer.

McIntosh has proved to be one of the league's most consistent stoppers this season and is largely responsible for Penrith's excellent standing of eighth position in their first year of NSL football.

Marconi, on 23 points, is just four points ahead of Penrith City. But if Penrith is to do well against the home team they must win ball in the midfield where Marconi's Craig Mason has been supreme.

AUSSIE GIRLS OFF TO CHINA

JIM SELBY, coach of the Australian women's Soccer team, released the squad of 15 players to tour China for a tournament to be held at Xian City from October 14-24.

New South Wales has the most representatives, with six girls selected to make the trip. Queensland is next with four players.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Australia will depart for China on October 11, and spend a day or two in Hong Kong.

Following close on the heels of the China tournament, Australia has also been invited to tour Taiwan in late November - early December, for the fourth "World Womens' Football Invitation Tournament" - classed as the unofficial Womens' World Cup.

The touring squad to China originally was to be announced immediately after the completion of the Australian National titles, which are to be held in Canberra from August 28.

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Havelange wrote: "The passive attitude of the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee in the presentation of football is in flagrant contrast to the great interest shown by the public in the football tournament." He was 100 per cent right.



Susan Monteath

However, the Chinese authorities requested passport details and the squad list almost immediately, forcing Selby to make his selections much earlier than he wished.

The Aussie girls will battle against two teams from China, the USA, Japan and the Netherlands.

Surprise selection for Australia was 15-year-old Helen Watts from Northern NSW, a dynamic midfielder, in a similar mould to Julie Dolan according to her coach, Lionel Sneyd.

Selby has still to appoint his captain and

And the FIFA president hit out at coverage, accusing the media of discriminating against football.

If Soccer decided it wanted nothing to do with the Olympic Games in the future, the big losers would be the Olympics.

Because this great sport, ignored by so many media folk in so many countries, is the biggest money-spinner in the Olympic Games!

vice-captain for the tour, although Julie Dolan and Susan Monteath are strongly favoured for these appointments.

Julie and Susan both have enormous experience in the international arena.

Susan's deadly tackling from the centre-back position, and magnificent distribution when pushed up to midfield, knocking in lethal precision crosses, made her the "Player of the Series" in last year's Oceania Cup in New Caledonia.

Both Monteath and Dolan possess excellent organisational and leadership qualities, which would make either lady a captain Australia can be very proud of.

Selby flatly refused to give ASW a hint as to his choice of captain.

"I was rushed naming the squad for China, but won't be hurried in naming my captain. That will wait till after the Australian National titles in Canberra," the young, blond national boss stated.

The squad to tour China is:

Goalkeepers: Vicki Salmon (NSW) Theresa Jones (VIC).
QLD: Julie Dolan, Susan Monteath, Kerry and Joanne Millman. NORTH-EAST NSW: Renaye Isorief, Helen Watts. WEST AUST: Judy Pettitt, Sharon Mateljan. NSW: Cindy Heydon, Kristen Thelle, Leigh Wardell, Kim Lambryk, Rose van Buinessen.

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RE-SHAPING FOR NSL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AN intelligible promotion and relegation system would be the biggest gain from the recommendations made by the National Soccer League Executive for the 1985 and 1986 competitions.

The executive put together its ideas following the issue of an informative set of preliminary proposals by League manager Stefan Kamasz.

The 1985 suggestions call for increased regionalisation in the vital and continuing bid to hold down long distance travel costs.

Brisbane clubs would gravitate to the "Eastern Division" along with the NSW clubs.

The "Southern Division" would embrace Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, and possibly one NSW club.

In the latter case effectively two Canberra and no NSW clubs would be involved if Inter Monaro of Queanbeyan gains promotion.

Divisions

Whilst Queanbeyan is strictly speaking in NSW its proximity to the ACT makes it a "Canberra club" to all intents and purposes.

The construction of the divisions' clubs would be:

Eastern: 8 Sydney, 1 Newcastle, 1 Wollongong and 2 Brisbane.

Southern: 8 Melbourne, 2 Adelaide, 2 Canberra (or 1 Canberra and 1 NSW).

Although there is merit in the six Melbourne, six Sydney NSL suggestion raised by South Melbourne president Leo Anezakis, it is not politically possible to introduce the scheme within the am-

bit of the League.

Clubs generally favour 14 home games as a minimum, but the season is restricted by World Cup fixtures, which are expected to commence on September 29.

That means 22 rounds and final five grand finals. Fortunately the NSL Cup will be given due prominence now their mid-season international will be restricted to two weekends.

Sensibly the present games roster would return to the easily comprehended home and away system.

The present difficult to understand relegation scheme would get the chop in 1986.

The top six clubs from each division would become the NSL First Division.

Automatic

Nominations would be called from State League clubs for eight clubs to join the remaining 12. The 20 clubs would be divided into Second Division, East and South, with automatic promotion and relegation.

I believe there should be a playoff with one club up and one down, as two changes in the 12 First Division teams per year would be far too disruptive.

One of the crosses that Soccer has to bear is promotion and relegation, a scheme that has brought at least as many debits as credits over the years.

Certainly the two biggest football codes in

the nation have lost little by sticking with stability of competitions over the years.

The Executive's proposals will certainly not prove a cure-all, even though they have greater merit than the present games roster and the challenge matches that would disappear.

Renewed efforts will have to be made to obtain suitable sponsorship.

The advent of the NSL brought better football standards for some cities, but transportation costs have been a bugbear.

The Council of Clubs will meet next month to consider the recommendation, which appear to be

within Australian Soccer Federation guidelines.

If the new system did not succeed over the years then Sydney would be left to plan its clubs on a district basis with due regard for nationalistic back-grounds.

Melbourne would no doubt be more of an ethnic group only affair.

There is little evidence that a franchising system would even-tuate.

However, watch for the inevitable effect of future indoor spectator Soccer. This is the large, but as yet sleeping issue.

The public would welcome a cut to \$4 adult admission, and the availability of free admission to youngsters should be widely advertised.

FRANCE WINS L.A. OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL

FRANCE won the Olympic Games Football Tournament, taking the gold medal for the first time with their 2-0 victory over Brazil in the final.

There was a crowd of more than 100,000 at the Pasadena Rose Bowl for the big match, shattering completely any notions that Olympic Games Soccer is not important.

The official attendance, in fact, was 101,799, emphasising — not for the first time — that the most popular sport at the Olympics is Soccer.

France is certainly going through a purple patch in international football. The Olympic "gold" was a fitting

dessert following the main course in the recent European Championship.

In the L.A. final, Brazil held the Frenchmen to 0-0 in the first half, but in the second half, Francois Brisson (55 minutes) and Daniel Xuereb (63 minutes) scored the vital goals.

That double blow in only eight minutes killed South America's hopes.

At least justice was done when France and Brazil made the final. These teams had looked the best and most at-

tractive all through the tournament.

Yugoslavia took the bronze medal, coming from behind to edge Italy 2-1 in the third place play-off.

Even this match, generally regarded as of no consequence, pulled in a crowd of nearly 98,000.

Yugoslavia's winning goal came from Mehmed Bazardzevic only eight minutes from full-time.

The bronze was the first medal Yugoslavia have won in Olympic football since 1960 when they took out the gold in Rome.

APIA, THE GREAT HOPE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CITY could seal the NSL title if they beat second placed Apia-Leichhardt at Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday.

The Slickers have stretched their lead to six points and look almost unbeatable with eight matches to go in the Australian Conference.

But Fil Bottalico's Apia could really open up the title race with a win. And Apia is the only team to have beaten the Slickers this year.

Apia is a very solid and settled side. They have an industrious mid-field, marshalled by the experienced Terry Bu-

ttler and flanked by Ian Gray and Peter Tredinick.

After last Sunday's draw with rivals Marconi, Bottalico said: "I am more confident of beating Sydney City than I was against Marconi. They are a good side but haven't been too con-

sistent lately.

"We have to give them a good shake if we want to win the title. This is the big one."

Meanwhile, rival coach Eddie Thomson was a little more cautious, saying: "We'll have to wait and see, won't

we. If Apia wants the title they will have to really put up a good show. I'm not Santa Claus and we want every NSL point offering," he said.

Bottalico has a selection dilemma as Gray's replacement last week, Robbie De Ceglie, had a good match and topped it off by scoring a glorious goal.

Australian captain

John Kosmina was back on the scoring sheet against Canberra to take his tally to 16 and the Slickers total to 49.

Apia have scored 14 fewer than Sydney City.

Not only can Sydney City score goals, but they have an excellent defensive record, conceding only 13 goals in 20 matches. The sign of champions.

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WOMENS — The New Caledonia South Pacific Cup now in its 3rd year has been widened to take place in Fiji in 1985 then back to New Caledonia in 1986. The event now called "THE SOUTH PACIFIC WOMENS SOCCER CHALLENGE" takes place in Fiji in October. Club, Association or Invitational teams can enter and in 1985 the event is expected to feature teams from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia and possibly America. Held during the same week as the mens event it will both be a serious tournament as well as an end of season holiday and as such is open to all standards of teams. A comprehensive package with a number of meals is now available.

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This article, written by the Rangers captain and dealing with his team's injury-stricken tour, is reprinted from England's top Soccer magazine "SHOOT."

STAR WRITER

John McClelland

AT Ibrox Stadium we have a magnificently-furnished place called, appropriately enough, The Blue Room.

However, the name 'Blue Room' has taken on a whole new meaning recently during our round-the-world trip to Australia, New Zealand, America and Canada.

It seemed that anyone who shared a room with Ally McCoist on that tour somehow or another ended up in hospital.

The first to be hit by the hoodoo was Bobby Russell. He was struck



in the face with the ball during our first game and finished up in hospital with a damaged eye.

While the unfortunate Bobby was kept in hospital for observation, Bobby Williamson moved in beside Ally. A couple of days later he, too, was in hospital. In a freak accident outside the team's hotel in Melbourne, Bobby fell against a concrete post and broke a leg.

Bobby could be out for up to five months and it was a real blow to this talented youngster.

Next to move in beside Ally was Colin McAdam. Remarkably, big Colin also broke a leg!

While playing in Sydney Colin clashed with Davie Mitchell — a Rangers player who was guesting for the Aussies — and he had to be stretchered off.

Sure enough, it was another leg-break and that was the end of



the tour for Colin.

Sandy Clark is obviously a very brave man, for he volunteered to move in beside Ally McCoist to take the place of McAdam, Williamson and Russell.

His bravery wasn't rewarded,

though. He took a kick in the face in another game and was rushed to hospital where a gaping wound needed several stitches.

Now you know why Ally McCoist's room is being called The Doom Room!

I should add that goalkeeper Peter McCloy also broke a thumb on our trip when we beat a President's Select 3-0 in New Zealand, but I must stress he was not sharing a room with Ally!

BIG DAVE BACK IN BIG-TIME

BY BRAD EARL

ONE of the success stories of Soccer in 1984 has been Dave McIntosh's return to the top with Penrith City.

"It's good to be back in the big league again and playing against the best players in the country," said the giant central defender who has been one of the Panthers' stars this season.

McIntosh last played in the National League for relegated St George in 1980 — "things looked pretty bleak for me at the end of that season," he said.

The following year, he dropped two grades to play for Yugal, and helped them win promotion to State League.

After two years in State League, and with the NSL enlarged for the 1984 season, McIntosh saw his chance to return to the top competition.

"Mickey Cross, who was at Sydney Olympic with me, had signed for Penrith, and he

suggested I train there," he said.

Trialling

At first, McIntosh was trialling for a place in the NSL squad. Willie Wallace, coach of the fledgling club, decided to sign Dave, then selected him in the first team for the opening match of the NSL season.

"That was against Newcastle, and being my first game back in the NSL after three years, I was pleased with my performance," said the big fellow.

Since then, McIn-

tosh has regularly had strong games, attaining the consistency he's aimed for in his game.

"I don't think I've really had great games, but I've kept up to a standard that I set myself," he said.

His job as stopper is to mark the opposing centre-forward, and that has meant some of the best strikers in Australia... John Kosmina, Marshall Soper and Rod Brown.

"I prefer playing against these strikers, as you tend to raise your game when you play against the best players," he said. "The ones who are supposedly not the best strikers give you trouble if you relax a bit."

"My hardest opponent was Rod Brown, when Mar-



MICKY CROSS

coni beat us 7-1. He did me like a dog's dinner!" McIntosh said.

That doesn't happen often to the 30-year-old Scotsman, who is a dominating figure in the air and a powerful header of the ball.

Few centre-forwards have come away smiling after playing Penrith City and Dave McIntosh this season.



MCINTOSH (right) climbs high to stop Sydney Croatia striker Graham Arnold.

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WOLLONGONG CITY, Apia-Leichhardt and Canberra Arrows have already made their coaching appointments for 1985.

Adrian Alston, Fil Bottalico and now Doug Collins have all been re-appointed as NSL coaches with their clubs for season 1985.

Bravo to those three clubs, especially Canberra and Wollongong.

Coaching positions have NEVER offered security or stability.

Mind you, there are many "coaches" going around who are nothing short of imposters in the positions they hold.

But, having said this, there are many good coaches who are NOT going around, but sitting on the outer, crucified by idiotic committees with no product knowledge who make rash appointments with little or no research.

Once the candidate has been installed and later the wheels fall off, he is shot down in cold blood.

Reckless

Why isn't the committee shot down for making the reckless or unsuitable appointment?

For years, Soccer fans have become accustomed to regular sackings of club coaches as soon as a team strikes trouble.

Soccer coaches have become, (especially in this country), nothing but "human targets",

forever being exposed to being shot at a moment's notice.

What a joke.

The insecurity, indignation and personal ridicule suffered by coaches, has left a lot to be desired among many "Mickey Mouse" Soccer committees.

The main reason for these sackings (other than transferring responsibility) has always been a mathematical "solution" for a struggling club.

It is easier to get rid of ONE coach than two, three or four players.

Inept

Such is the inept thinking of club management.

Leichhardt, (and understandably so), have already appointed Fil Bottalico as their 1985 NSL coach.



FIL BOTTALICO

WE NEED STABILITY IN THE TOP JOBS

SAYS JOHN ECONOMOS

They are strongly challenging for the title, sitting comfortably in second place.

But Canberra and Wollongong, languishing at the bottom of the same division, last week announced they would be retaining their respective coaches.

Doug Collins, in the process of building a new Canberra side stacked with outstanding youngsters, has been resigned, despite poor recent results.



DOUG COLLINS

Canberra's sponsors, Lotto, have pledged financial assistance for 1985 for the purchase of two experienced players to bolster Canberra's playing staff.

Another struggling club, Wollongong City, have offered their present coach, former World Cup star Adrian Alston, terms for 1985.



ADRIAN ALSTON

Alston also is building a new team as the club sold no fewer than seven players this year without purchasing any replacements.

Survival

The sales were made to straighten up Wollongong's balance sheet to reduce a huge deficit the club was lumbered with. Such drastic action has guaranteed Wollongong's survival in the NSL.

What has always intrigued me is that committees which do all the hiring and firing, never sack themselves as inefficient, non-performing or inadequate.

Leichhardt, Canberra and Wollongong should take a bow.

Maybe now some of our countless young Australian players will have the chance to break through into the big-

time, rather than dropping out of the game due to rash signings by coaches, desperate to protect their own security.

There are many many more Alex Bundalos, Peter Kotamanidis', Scott Dicksons, Anthony Franks, Johnny Mihailidis' and Carlo Spinass around, just waiting to be discovered, developed and promoted to the top ranks.

Stability of coaching positions will underwrite this process.

It's quite logical, that stability of management and coaching should breed success.

Just look at St George and Sydney City.

Neither club is noted for wholesale coach-sackings over the

last 25 years.

But the Saints and Sydney City have collected the most Ampol Cups, championships, grand final appearances, etc, etc.

And both have had stable managerial expertise.

For example, only three weeks ago, St George president Alex Pongrass knocked up 25 consecutive years in the position.

For the last four years, the Saints have had the same coach — Frank Arok. They won the NSL championship last year and the Ampol Cup this year.

Sydney City also is very stable.

Coach Eddie Thomson has remained unchallenged for five consecutive years.

Thomson looks very strong at the moment to crack his fourth NSL championship in five years. Not bad.

On the other side of the fence, there is one club who, in the first three years of the NSL, hired and fired no fewer than nine coaches. More coaches than Greyhound Buses.

That club has won nothing.

Wonder why?

Develop kids

But Thomson's position has never been under threat, so he is left with the peace of mind to get down to the job.

He has been allowed the space and time to develop kids. Ean Rodrigues, Grahame Fletcher, Grant Lee, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Gerardo Gomez, to mention a few.

The Arok scene at St George is similar.

Arok's position in the club is safe as a bank, allowing him to develop and push through Andy Koczka, Peter Petkovski, Robbie Slater, Pedro Ricoy and Tony Danaskos and others.

Stability must bring dividends.

Any coach in the world needs far more than a year to create something.



GERARDO GOMEZ



ALEX BUNDALO (front): one of the young players being groomed by Wollongong City coach Alston.

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TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
H'BERG	20	11	5	4	31	18	27	8	1	2	22	12	17	3	4	2	9	6	10		
MEL CROATIA	20	10	6	4	29	22	26	7	3	1	17	7	17	3	3	3	12	15	9		
STH MELB	20	11	3	6	33	17	25	6	3	2	20	6	15	5	0	4	13	11	10		
BRUNSWICK	20	8	4	8	23	33	20	4	2	3	12	14	10	4	2	5	11	19	10		
BRIS CITY	20	8	4	8	16	21	20	3	3	5	6	10	9	5	1	3	10	11	11		
PRESTON	20	7	4	9	35	31	18	4	3	3	24	13	11	3	1	6	11	18	7		
FOOTSCRAY	19	7	4	8	22	21	18	2	2	5	8	10	6	5	2	3	14	11	12		
BRIS LIONS	20	7	4	9	30	31	18	4	3	3	17	15	11	3	1	6	13	16	7		
GR GULLY	20	7	4	9	27	28	18	4	2	4	17	15	10	3	2	5	10	13	8		
AD. CITY	20	7	4	9	23	24	18	4	3	4	14	12	11	3	1	5	9	12	7		
WEST AD	20	6	4	10	33	35	16	5	2	4	25	14	12	1	2	6	8	21	4		
SUNSHINE	20	3	6	11	16	42	12	1	4	4	5	8	6	2	2	7	11	34	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYD CITY	20	13	6	1	49	13	32	6	2	0	28	7	14	7	4	1	21	6	18
LEICHHARDT	20	10	6	4	35	24	26	7	1	2	19	11	15	3	5	2	16	13	11
OLYMPIC	20	9	7	4	38	22	25	4	3	2	17	11	11	5	4	2	21	11	14
MARCONI	20	9	5	6	43	27	23	7	1	3	24	11	15	2	4	3	19	16	8
PARRA MELITA	20	7	7	6	20	22	21	3	3	4	10	13	9	4	4	2	10	9	12
BLACKTOWN	20	7	5	8	28	34	19	4	4	2	19	15	12	3	1	6	9	19	7
SYD CROATIA	20	6	7	7	24	31	19	2	3	4	10	16	7	4	4	3	14	15	12
PENRITH	20	6	7	7	22	30	19	4	3	3	13	16	11	2	4	4	9	14	8
ST GEORGE	20	5	7	8	27	30	17	3	5	3	16	14	11	2	2	5	11	16	6
NEWCASTLE	20	7	2	11	24	43	16	5	1	3	13	13	11	2	1	8	11	30	5
CANBERRA	19	7	1	11	30	29	15	4	0	5	15	11	8	3	1	6	15	18	7
W'GONG	20	3	4	13	14	44	10	3	1	6	9	18	7	0	3	7	5	26	5

RESULTS

• MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 HEIDELBERG 0 at Olympic Park. CROWD: 6,000.
 • PRESTON 5 (McMillan, Lane, Dunn, Dobson, Iliovski) SUNSHINE 2 (McGorian, Faulkner) at Connor Reserve. CROWD: 1,500.
 • GREEN GULLY 2 (Carter, McGuinness) FOOTSCRAY 3 (Belic 2, Lujic) at Green Gully Reserve. CROWD: 1,000.
 • BRISBANE CITY 1 (Fabrizio) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Spencer Park. CROWD: 1,572.
 • SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Egan) BRUNSWICK 0 at Middle Park. CROWD: 3,000.
 • ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Metta 2, Gatenby) WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Honeyman 2) at Olympic Sports Field. CROWD: 4,000.

• PARRA-MELITA 1 (Wilson) NEWCASTLE 3 (Power, Todd, Milosevic) at Melita Stadium. CROWD: 864.
 • CANBERRA 0 SYDNEY CITY 1 (J Kosmina) at National Sports Centre. CROWD: 1,085.
 • PENRITH 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Patikas) at Cook Park. CROWD: 1,726.
 • LEICHHARDT 3 (Catlin, Caban, de Ceglie) MARCONI 3 (Jankovics 2, R Brown) at Henson Park. CROWD: 1,874.
 • ST GEORGE 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Larkin) at St George Stadium. CROWD: 964.
 • SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Jurin, Gaffney) WOLLONGONG 0 at Tomislav Park. CROWD: 2,852.

TOP SCORERS

16 — Kosmina (SC)
 12 — D. Brown (SM)
 10 — Bradley (L)
 Lowe (M)
 Arnold (S. Cr)
 9 — Cairney (BL)
 Lewis (GG)
 Patterson (H)
 Winn (H)
 Katholos (SO)
 Konstandopoulos (WA)
 Patikas (SO)
 8 — Farina (CA)
 McCulloch (M)
 R. Brown (M)
 7 — Sweeney (BJ)
 Jankovics (M)
 Brandt (NR)
 Marton (SG)
 Fletcher (SC)
 Egan (SM)



CLASS OF '81 IN THE ACTION

BY BRAD EARL

THREE members of the 1981 Australian Youth squad were in the thick of the action as Sydney Olympic defeated Penrith City 1-0 in a thriller at Cook Park.

Jimmy Patikas scored the winner for third-placed Olympic, teammate Mark Koussas was dangerous in a central striking position, while on the other side, Ian Hunter netted twice only to have referee Peter Rampley disallow both "goals".

Hunter and Koussas were star strikers in that fabulous '81 Youth Soccer team, but after getting into a rut earlier this year they showed in this game that they can recapture their best form.

Hunter was a tireless and threatening worker for the Panthers. He had the ball in the net in the 47th minute, but referee Rampley awarded a free-kick against Penrith for a pushing offence.

While that decision was questionable, Hunter was caught off-side when he smashed in a shot in the 81st minute.

Koussas was only included in the Olympic team when Nick Theodorakopoulos failed a fitness test, yet he turned in a performance that drew praise from his coach Manfred Schaefer.

Having been used as a wide striker this year, Koussas played with enthusiasm in a changed role as target-man.

Schaefer pushed usual centre-forward Marshall Soper to the right side to drag his shadow — big Penrith stopper Dave McIntosh — out of the centre of defence.

Koussas' best goal attempt was a blistering



Mark Koussas up for a header.

30 metre drive that cannoned off the crossbar in the 55th minute.

Midfielder Patikas was the hero when he headed the ball home four minutes later.

From a free-kick, Penrith's defence scrambled to clear the ball but Patikas, 10 metres out, powered in a header which went in low.

Penrith players, already smarting from the first disallowed goal de-

cision, angrily protested that there was an Olympic player in an offside position on the goal-line.

Olympic had more possession, controlled by midfield anchor-man Peter Raskopoulos at his best, yet Penrith defended strongly.

Goalkeeper Mike Gibson pulled off two brilliant saves — first when he caught a curling Patikas shot and then when he touched over a snap-shot from left striker Chris Kalantzis.

Panthers coach Willie Wallace was upset by the refereeing decisions which went against his team, yet could draw consolation from his side's performance.

"I was very happy with the way we played," Wallace said. "That was the best we've played as a unit this season."

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh; Wotherspoon (Easthorpe 76), Fitzharris, Ainsworth, Hale; Hunter, Jackson.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Jennings, Dakos, Coady; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper, Koussas, Kalantzis (Patalis 84).

REFEREE: P. Rampley.
 CROWD: 1,726.

ITALIAN DELIGHT AT HENSON PARK

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LEICHHARDT APIA and Marconi — particularly Leichhardt goalkeeper Bobby Catlin — provided thrills and spills and six goals in their 3-3 draw at Henson Park to delight the crowd of 1,874.

This was a match that was "alive" from as early as the second minute till full-time with both teams wanting to attack continuously.

The second minute saw Apia's giant striker Kerry Caban crash a short-ranged shot onto Marconi's crossbar.

Just a minute later, Apia scored an unbelievable goal.

Goalkeeper Catlin scooped up a back-pass from Arno Bertogna. With a very strong wind behind him, Catlin booted upfield into Marconi's box.

Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James, with the sun in his eyes, thought the ball would bounce well over his bar. To his horror, the bounce dipped and although James got his fingers to the ball, he was unable to flick it over the top as it sailed into the net.

More action followed when Marconi hit back when David Lowe whacked a cross to the far post where the ever-alert Mark Jankovics scored from close range.

Apia hit the lead again in the 31st minute when Caban scored from eight metres, following good work by Johnny Bradley.

But four minutes from the break, Jankovics scored his second goal (his 85th for Marconi since joining them in St George in 1978), meeting a perfect cross from centre-back Tony Henderson to head into the net.

Although ending 2-2, the first half saw Apia having a definite edge.

In the 75th minute, Jankovics blasted from 15 metres but the ball was headed off the line by Peter Tredinnick.

Apia again took the

lead in the 79th minute, when Robbie De Ceglie scored with a cracking 15 metre drive.

Six minutes from the end, Marconi levelled when Rene Licata invaded down the left flank, "nut-megged" an Apia defender in the box with a pass to Rod Brown.

Brown crashed home his drive from eight metres.

Best performers for Apia were Bradley, Tredinnick and Tony Morsello, whilst Marconi was best served by Jankovics. Steve Calderan and Craig Mason.

Apia coach Fil Botalic philosophically said after the match: "It was a good game, especially in the

blistering wind. Marconi are always a hard team to crack. I was sorry to drop a point though."

Meanwhile, Marconi coach Les Scheinflug reflected: "It was a good match, but Apia was there to be beaten today. We just couldn't do it."

LEICHHARDT: Catlin; Bozanic, Pullen, Bertogna, Brown; De Ceglie, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley, Caban, Morsello.

MARCONI: James; Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Rizzotto (Spanos 30); Jankovics, Mason, McCulloch; Lowe, Brown, Licata.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.

CROWD: 1,874.

SYDNEY CITY'S LUCKY WIN

SUGGESTIONS that runaway title-chasers Sydney City have lost their edge were backed up by the team's below par performance in the 1-0 win over Canberra Arrows.

Only a disputed penalty decision, which gave John Kosmina the winning goal, allowed Slickers to return home with the points.

In fact, Slickers coach Eddie Thomson admitted after the match: "We were terrible."

Arrows, going through a worrying run of defeats, had two clear goal chances in the second half but failed with each.

First, Alan Reis should have scored and, later, in his first NSL outing, young Claudio Ciuffetelli, also had a chance to save the game.

Both openings were squandered, so the Kosmina penalty kick settled the issue.

CANBERRA: Franken, Hogg, Redmond, Harkins, Jones, Sermanni, Mihailidis, Bryant, Reis (Ciuffetelli 83), Lamond (Gibson 80), Brockbank.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodrigues, de Marigny, Robertson, O'Connor (Gomez 55), Kay, Watson, P.Falconer (Fletcher 70), Lee, Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: T.Seacy.

CROWD: 1,085.



Ian Hunter (right) moves away from Sydney Olympic's Mike Coady.



SAINTS SKID FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

BY TOM ANDERSON

IT'S a long way from the penthouse to the basement but poor old St George have made the journey in double-quick time.

Saints are now in deep relegation trouble following their 0-1 loss to fellow strugglers Blacktown Demons at St George Stadium.

Twelve months ago, Saints were in a tremendous battle for the championship — which they won.

Today Saints are in another tremendous battle — for salvation in the NSL.

This one looks like being a more tense and bitter struggle than last year.

The all-important goal was scored by John Larkin in the 57th minute.

Previous to this Saints had missed a few glorious opportunities that should have been tucked away.

This was not an unforgettable game but a tense, dour relegation struggle that was sometimes marred by nerves and anxiety.

At times the ball seemed red-hot for some of the players, who looked as if they wanted to get rid of it even before they received it.

It's going to be a tough couple of months ahead for both of these clubs where NSL points will be like finding gold in the middle of Pitt Street, Sydney.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Papas (Danaskos 80); M. O'Shea; J. O'Shea, Ricoy;



TENSE STRUGGLE... Andy Koczka gets clear of Cliff Pointer during Sunday's vital relegation struggle between St George and Blacktown.

Stone, Barton, Petkovski (Batten 73);

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Selvage, Quarmbay, Wheatley, Dunleavy, Byrne; Sandy, Larkin, Pointer, Skellern; O'Connor.

REFEREE: A. Owens.
CROWD: 964.



ZELJKO JURIN... opening goal.

SYDNEY'S CROATIA CREEPING UP TABLE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SYDNEY CROATIA edged within two points of a spot in the top five after defeating lowly-placed Wollongong City 2-0 at King Tomislav Park.

Croatia have not been beaten in their last four outings and coach Harry Noon is positive they can maintain their form.

"A few weeks ago we were labelled relegation candidates but the lads have proved the critics wrong," Noon said.

"I'm sure the team can pick up three or four points in our next two games against Blacktown City and St George."

Although the home side looked well in control after new import Zeljko Jurin opened the scoring in the 17th minute, Wollongong forced their way back into the game and were unlucky not to score — particularly in the second half.

Three minutes before the break, an attempt from close range by midfielder Peter Willis hit the Croatia crossbar and was scrambled clear.

Seconds after the interval, Wollongong defender David Green broke clear on the right and his cross was driven just wide by team-mate Scott Dickson.

This didn't deter Croatia and they continually pushed forward looking to increase their lead.

Croatia's second goal had a slight element of luck involved.

A corner by Shane Clinch was headed backwards and into goal by Wollongong City's Larry Gaffney. Green made a desperate attempt to clear the ball just as it crossed the goal-line.

Best players for Wollongong City were John Fleming in defence and up front Peter Beggs, who toiled hard despite the lack of support.

For Croatia, Steve Watson was safe in goal and Lee Sterrey played a controlled game in defence.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, Rozic, Sterrey, Vidaic, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Clinch, Borges.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Hristovski (Kerr 65), Fleming, Vlietstra, Willis, Beggs, Bundalo, Dickson, Kotaminidis (Fontana 65), Gaffney.

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 2,852.

CLINT AND JOE CRUSH EAGLES

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A COURAGEOUS display from Newcastle Rosebud sent Parramatta Melita reeling in their 3-1 win at Melita Stadium.

Every Newcastle player pulled his weight, although none did better than Liverpool-born and New Zealand-trained goalkeeper

Clint Gosling and club captain Joe Senkalski.

Gosling admitted afterwards that Derek Lanning's eighth minute piledriver all but broke

his arm. Even so he had the presence of mind to recover and deny Dennis Duarte a goal from a strongly struck rebound shot.

This was a game which Melita started as the classier side, but they allowed themselves to become over anxious when Newcastle scored in the 22nd and 42nd minutes.

They came back at Newcastle, but whether by dint of solid defence, corner kick giveaways or Gosling's command in goal, Newcastle seemed to have their measure.

Tactically, Newcastle managed to find or create midfield spaces when they were most needed, and they did

well along the wings as well.

Melita began on the wrong foot. Billy Griffiths, stripped and ready to play after a run of ankle injuries, pulled a thigh muscle in the pre-match warm-up and had to be replaced by John McKie before he could kick a ball.

Neville Power netted first for Newcastle from a scramble, and a combination of Senkalski's brains, Ralph Maier's acceleration and a Derek Todd goal put them in a handy 2-0 lead at the break.

With Ray Farrugia, Col McAusland and Ken Wilson leading the charge, Wilson managed a goal in off the post.

But Newcastle blanketed out the rest of the Melita attacks. Then, one minute into injury time, Senkalski calmly laid a ball on and this time Dean Milosevic arrived to help it into the Melita goal.

PARRA MELITA: Hummel, McAusland, Tre-dinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Davies (De-laney 80), Farrugia, Lanning, McKie (Gregson 80), Duarte.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Power, Owens, Thompson, McQuar-ric, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Todd, Johns (Allen 45).

REFEREE: K. Small.
CROWD: 864.



JOE SENKALSKI... dominated for Newcastle.



ROUND UP

BACK TO THE BAD OLD DAYS

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE clock turned back to the bad old days at the Olympic Sports Field, where Adelaide City beat West Adelaide 3-2, but not before the game had been stopped twice to save the referee and his linesmen from the wrath of invading spectators.

At least two fans were taken away by the police, one for attacking referee Tony Martell, and the other for attempting to strike the white-coated officials.

The simmering started in the 14th minute when Wests claimed a goal following a George Konstandopoulos corner which forward Nick Malavazos headed, only to see the ball come out after hitting the underside of the crossbar.

West players claimed it had bounced over the goal-line, but linesman John Miller and referee Martell said "no goal" despite protests from West coach

Sam Salabasidis, who left the bench to appeal to Miller.

City were in the lead at that stage, midfielder Sergio Melta, having collected a pass from striker Peter Rankin, on the right to shoot across goalkeeper Gary Sproul and into the West goal in the seventh minute.

There appeared to be calm hanging over the game when West equalised in the 43rd minute with a Graham Honeyman penalty after City striker Joe Mullen stopped a Brenton Hiern shot with his hand.

Then chaos erupted in the 62nd minute when

Mark Gatenby scored with a header from a Mullen cross.

Mullen and Melta "celebrated" in a manner which did not please the fans opposite the grandstand and spectators poured onto the pitch.

White-coated officials and players did their best to turn the 30-odd invaders back, but the game had to be halted for four minutes to allow police to restore order.

City hit their third goal in the 73rd minute when Melta lobbed the ball over Sproul from a Rankin pass with the keeper stranded as

West threw everything into attack.

Then it was a game again as Honeyman scored from inside the box after shots from Steve Papadopoulos and John Panagis had been blocked.

There was some cut-and-thrust Soccer from both teams — and until the 80th minute, when Honeyman took a pass from Papadopoulos and netted what appeared to be the equaliser.

Referee Martell called a foul on City defender Joe Cecere by Honeyman and the invasion was on again — this time from both sides of the field as the players scrambled to protect

the referee and linesmen who made for the dressing rooms via the underground tunnel in front of the stand.

The police, now reinforced, attempted to restore order with the help of officials, many of whom unfortunately started to argue with each other.

After a six-minute break, Martell and his partners emerged to complete the match, then raced for the tunnel,

the trap-door of which had been raised by officials minutes before the final whistle.

NSL vice-president Tony Labbozzetta, in Adelaide on business, attended the game and will no doubt be asked for his opinion of the incidents which have been reported to the NSL.

It is understood that at least one player has been reported for allegedly inciting spectators.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Nyskohus, Cecere, Tobin, Flounders, Melta, Gatenby, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou, Mousoulis, McGachey, Honeyman, Hiern, Manou, Panagis, Malavazos, Brown (Stamatelopoulos 71), Konstandopoulos (Papadopoulos 32).

REFEREE: T. Martell.

CROWD: 4,286.

GULLY DOWN

GREEN GULLY'S recent good results came to a halt following a 2-3 loss to Footscray.

Gully found the pace too fast and although they led 2-1 after the break they finally succumbed to their more experienced opposition.

Zdravko Lujic put Footscray into the lead after 36 minutes. Seconds before the break, however, Green Gully bounced back into contention by levelling through a penalty by Les Carter.

Footscray's experienced defender Igor Hazabent handled the ball inside the area and referee Jim Fokianos awarded the penalty,

which was converted by Carter.

Green Gully surprised their opponents immediately after the resumption with some incisive attacks, that resulted with them taking the lead in the 56th minute through Bob McGuinness.

Footscray's long serving midfielder Vlatko Belic responded to McGuinness' goal in the 78th minute and levelled the score. A minute later Belic struck for the second time with a winner.

Gully coach Bobby McLachlan commented after the game: "Footscray did not win the game, we gave it away."

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Carter, Hogben, McLeland, Cannell, Wade, Smart, McGuinness, P. Lewis, Smallman, Williams.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Pansey, Karic, Belic, Curovic (Paton 60), Carroll, Lachmanovic, Caban (O'Donnell 65), Lujic.

REFEREE: J. Fokianos.

JUVENTUS UPSET

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH Melbourne closed the gap on the leaders of the National Conference with a hard fought 1-0 win over Brunswick Juventus at Middle Park.

Although depleted, due to the absence of defence stalwart John Yzendoom and key midfielder Carl Halford, South Melbourne fought desperately throughout the game and dominated play for long periods.

Juventus had their

share of problems due to unavailability of key players and a last minute suspension of their midfielder masterminded Richard Miranda.

Juventus team manager Joe Carusso fired a broadside against League administration, claiming

that his club was not given enough notice about Miranda's suspension.

"To run a professional competition our administration will have to function professionally," said Carusso.

"We were notified very late about the suspension. I think that the League should give us enough notice so that we can plan well ahead of every fixture."

A goal by the man of the match Charlie Egan in the 41st minute gave the home team full points.

but wide of the target.

South retaliated with some blistering attacks but their hasty forwards wasted chances.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Kalifatidis, Blair, Postecoglou, Crino, Kanesoulis, Davidson, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

JUVENTUS: Martin, Geremia, Swinscoe (Sweeney 14), Brown, Campbell, Zinni, Cullen, Saglam (Minichiello 54), Dowie, Drinovsky, Ward.

REFEREE: C. Cambridge.

ATTENDANCE: 2,000.

PRESTON ARE ON THE WAY BACK

BY HARRY HALL

PRESTON steamrolled bottom placed Sunshine George Cross 5-2 on their way to recovery from a bad spell in their championship campaign.

It was the second major win the Melbourne team has recorded in the last three weeks and the 3,500 loyal Preston supporters cherished the victory.

George McMillan opened the scoring after eight minutes.

Laine, playing his first game for Preston, made it 2-0 five minutes later.

Preston, however, lapsed and allowed the opposition into the game in the 55th minute when McGorian reduced the margin. Lack of sting in Georgie's forward line enabled the Preston defence to successfully defend Wilson's goal.

Preston resumed scoring in the 65th minute with Robert Dunn, who changed the scoreline to 3-1. Six minutes later Ian Dobson added another goal and the game looked beyond doubt.

In a desperate attempt to make the score look more respectable, Faulkner scored Georgie's second goal. His euphoria was short lived because two minutes before time second half substitute Zoran Ilioski scored Preston's fifth goal.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opatinas, McMillan, Dobson, Dunn, Lucchessi, Flavell, Odzakovic (Ilioski 79), Heys (Petrovski 79), Laine, Cole.

GEORGE CROSS: Contini, Taylor, Bain, Secery, Bennett, Faulkner, McLaren, McGorian, Latis, Toal (Pit 79).

REFEREE: B. Upjohn.

ATTENDANCE: 3,500.



CHARLIE EGAN

Egan collected a ball in the midfield and outpaced Geremia on the run, evaded a tackle by Joe Sweeney and shot the ball into the net from an angle.

Juventus coach John Margaritis lamented after the game that the loss of key defender Kevin Swinscoe after 15 minutes with a knee injury contributed to the loss.

Juventus could have equalised midway into the second half when forward Robert Cullen caught the opposing defence flat footed and lobbed the ball over advancing Peter Laumets,

FABRIZIO STRIKES AND KILLS LIONS

BY GREG RUSSELL

A GOAL after only 79 seconds gave Brisbane City its first derby win in two years against Brisbane Lions at Spencer Park.

Playing into a gusty wind, City surprisingly attacked the Lions goal immediately after the kick-off and caught their opponents off guard.

Steve Walsh ran on to a speculative through-ball and nodded it across the goal where Luciano Fabrizio was inexplicably unmarked only eight metres out.

Fabrizio had time to control the pass and then pick his spot to slot the ball into the net, giving Lions keeper Rob Farrow little chance.

Despite the early

setback, Lions had much of the attack for the rest of the match but failed to get shots on goal.

Lions, which last lost to City 1-3 in the second round of 1982, was missing leading goalscorer, Joe Cairney.

Cairney withdrew after injuring a muscle while proving his hamstring injury had healed in a routine Saturday morning fitness test!

His absence was a telling factor for the Lions.

The match was cruelled by a spate of yellow cards

from referee Gordon Nicholson and a number of inconsistent decisions.

Nicholson booked Lions' Alan Niven, Calvin Daunt and Roddie Vasquez and City's Bobby Hamilton.

But his decisions were unpopular and Lions' officials this week will seek to have Nicholson removed from the NSL Panel.

Both teams hit the woodwork twice. Lions were desperately unlucky when a Steve Jackson piledriver from 30 metres crashed onto

the crossbar, while Frank Pimblett saw his shot hit the post after beating Farrow.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, (McSkimming 46), J. Stewart, Anderson (Vincent 83), Junna, R. Stewart, Daunt, McDonagh.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Milovanovic, Perry, Liddell, Bromfield, Swan (Mengotti 57), Pimblett, Hamilton, O'Maye, Fabrizio, Walsh.

REFEREE: G. Nicholson. **CROWD:** 1,572.



COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP FINAL



HENRY KENDALL

HENRY KENDALL are slight favourites after their comprehensive 4-1 semi-final win over Woonona.

Coached for the seventh year in succession by Gerard Thompson, Henry Kendall have conceded only four goals in their quest for Cup honours.

Rd 1: Ku-ring-gai 8-1 Rd 5: Bathurst 3-0
Rd 2: Gorokan 3-1 Q/F: Jesmond 2-1
Rd 3: Gosford 3-0 Semi: Woonona 4-1
Rd 4: Macquarie 3-0

Thompson is confident his team can maintain their form by winning the big one. "We have a good blend of speed, skills and our combination in both attack and defence is excellent," he said.

"I think the team that scores first will have the advantage, but I think our strength all-round gives us a great chance of winning."

A majority of the Henry Kendall players have been together during the past couple of seasons. Five were in the same team which made the semi-finals of the Bill Turner Cup in 1982.

The best result the school achieved in the competition was during the mid-1970s when they reached the quarter-finals.

The team is: goalkeeper (Glen Francis), defenders (Ian Robertson, Gerard Powell, Steve McCrohon, Phil Kraft), midfielders (Matt Brown, Steve Van Dorp, Alan Kent), strikers (Angelo Stanemeros, Lindsay Webb, Derek Caisley), reserves (Paul Kraft, Marko Coiffi, Mark Shakespeare, Simon Plumber).

Three players in particular have stood out in the competition.

Derek Caisley, a striker who has represented the State, has averaged over one goal a game. Earlier this year, Caisley travelled to Europe with a NSW representative side and netted 16 of the 30 goals scored on tour.

Defender Steve McCrohon, as well as being a tower of strength in defence, has pushed forward with a great deal of purpose, scoring five goals.

Although the Henry Kendall goalkeeper Glen Francis has been rarely tested throughout the competition, he has been flawless in every facet of his play.



HENRY KENDALL: BACK ROW: Graeme Craft, Darrell Finlay, Simon Plumber, Matt Browne, Stephen McCrohon, Paul Craft, Ian Robertson (captain), Marco Cioffi.

MIDDLE ROW: Gerard Thompson (manager/coach), Stephen Van Doorp, Derek Caisley, Lindsay Webb, Gerard Powell, Angelo Stanemeros.

FRONT ROW: Phil Craft, David Ranson, Glen Francis, Allen Kent, Mark Shakespears.

EPHING

EPHING coach Geoffery Wing feels the all-round talent of his team will see them through.

Wing, who has coached Epping for the past five years, said: "We have done very well reaching the final."

"The side has no individual stars. They are a strong unit who are dedicated to winning."

He commented on Henry Kendall's strength: "They are very good side who play the game cleanly and at a fast pace. They have a skilful and fast midfield and forward-line."

"I'm confident we have the talent to beat them," Wing added.

Epping's greatest run in the CBSC was a quarter-final spot in 1982. They were defeated by Raymond Terrace 0-2 away at Speers Point.

In their run to the final, Epping have recorded some excellent results against strong opposition.

Rd 1: Balmain 9-1 Rd 5: Davidson 3-1
Rd 2: Cromer 4-0 Rd 6: Greystanes 1-1 (4-3 pen)
Rd 3: Nth Sydney 5-0 Q/F: Whitebridge 2-1
Rd 4: Mornahurst 4-0 Semi: Cabramatta 2-1

The fine combination that the team has developed has been helped by the North Epping Rangers club. Four of the boys play together with this club on weekends.

It's interesting to note that midfielder David Svoboda will be playing his second Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup final in succession. Last year, David played in the Kadina team which was defeated by Kogarah 1-0.

The Epping team is: goalkeepers (Michael Pavella, Pieter Buining), defenders (Darren Eagleson, Colin Craig, Matt Fry, Todd Dewey), midfielders (Michael Taylor, Graeme Dunn, David Svoboda), strikers (Neil Harris, Scott Roots, Jamie Smith), reserves (John Izzard, Justin Tall, Robert Wood).



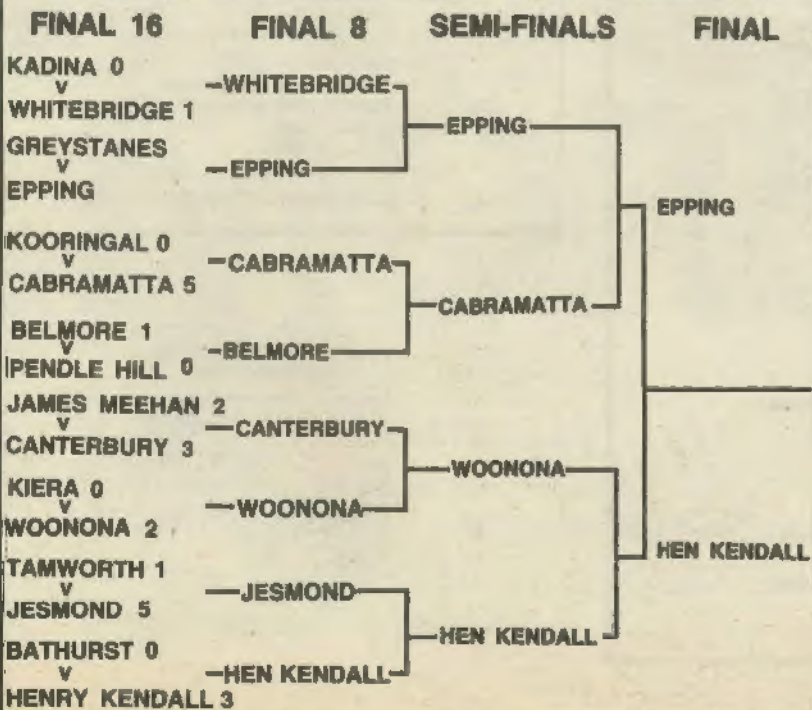
EPHING: BACK ROW: John Izzard, Robert Wood, Matthew Fry, Michael Pavella, Colin Craig, Todd Dewey, Michael Taylor, Justin Tall, Stephen Cameron.

FRONT ROW: Geoffery Wing (coach), Darren Eagleson (captain), David Svoboda, Scott Roots, Jamie Smith, Graeme Dunn, Neil Harris, Mr Regan (principal).

ALL eyes will be on Marconi Stadium this Thursday at 7pm when the two finalists in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup do battle to determine this year's winner.

The final will be fought out between two talented sides — Epping (Sydney) and Henry Kendall (Central Coast).

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP



PAST WINNERS

1962 — Maroubra Bay
1963 — Maquarie
1964 — Wallsend
1965 — Kiera
1966 — Strathfield South, Cleveland St
1967 — Booragul
1968 — Newcastle Tech
1969 — Booragul
1970 — Berkley
1971 — Meadowbank
1972 — Newcastle Tech
1973 — Newcastle Tech
1974 — Wallsend
1975 — Wallsend, Booragul
1976 — Bankstown
1977 — Canterbury
1978 — Normanhurst
1979 — Normanhurst
1980 — Woonona
1981 — Kiera
1982 — Marsden
1983 — Kogarah

MEDAL WINNER

AT the conclusion of the final, the John Warren "Man of the Match" medal will be awarded to the best player on the field.

It will be judged by five Soccer journalists and they will each give points on a 3-2-1 basis to determine the winner.

Andrew Callanan was the inaugural winner of the medallion in 1982, and last year Chris Polias took it home.

Polias scored the winning goal in Kogarah's 1-0 win over Kadina in the final.

Through the years, the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup competition (previously known as the Tasman Cup) has featured many players who are prominent in Australian Soccer.

Former Australia Youth Socceroos Robbie Slater (St George) and Rene Licata (Marconi) come to mind.

During the late 1970s, Sydney Olympic's Socceroos Peter Katholos (Belmore) and Peter Raskopoulos (Kingsgrove) also played in the Cup.

Although they haven't won the competition, Belmore have produced a fine array of players. Sydney Olympic young stars Chris Kalantzis and Terry Petalis, as well as Katholos, represented the school.

Marsden, 1982 winners, were captained by Brian Dene, who has been a key player for State League club Ku-ring-gai this season.

This year, St George's Pedro Ricoy, Blacktown City's Brett Thornthwaite, Marconi's Martin Driene and Penrith City's Randell Easthorpe competed in the Cup.

NSWASF AMATEUR CUP FINALS

NSWASF U14 State Cup 10.30am Cook Park, Wilson St, St Marys Beverly Hills v Hanwood

Beverly Hills Soccer Cup	Hanwood Soccer Club
1. D. Perry	1. A. Barber
2. A. Curran	2. R. Agresta
3. G. Mathioudakis	3. I. St Clair
4. F. Boticki	4. D. Testoni
5. N. Perry	5. M. Baquero
6. P. Powter	6. P. Portolesi
7. G. Clarkson	7. R. Vitucci
8. W. D'Avolio	8. S. Nardi
9. N. Theodorou	9. M. Dall'Est
10. B. Chapman	10. A. Puglielli
11. Y. Tesiram	11. G. Gordon
12. T. Tsoukatos	12. R. Zappala
14. P. Stendardo	13. C. Gabbons
	RGK. S. Appoloni

Manager: J. Portolesi
Coach: J. Belardo
Asst Coach: P. Baquero

Results:

- Rd 1 Hanwood Win on Forfeit
Beverly Hills 1-1 Yagoona
Rd 2 Hanwood Win on Forfeit
Beverly Hills 1-1 Yagoona
Rd 3 Hanwood Bye
Beverly Hills Bye
Rd 4 Hanwood Bye
Beverly Hills 16-0 Bundeena RSL
Rd 5 Hanwood 1-0 Earlwood Wanderers
Beverly Hills 2-1 Engadine Eagles
Rd 6 Hanwood 3-0 Winston Hills
Beverly Hills 5-3 Kirrawee

NSWASF U18 State Cup 2.30pm Cook Park, Wilson St, St Marys Balgowlah RSL v Hoxton Hotspurs

Balgowlah RSL Soccer Club	Hoxton Hotspurs Soccer Club
1. S. Briggs	1. P. Lynch
2. B. Muller	2. E. Pavez
3. R. McNeil	3. P. Lawther
4. M. Panozzo	4. D. Montgomery
5. D. Webb	5. C. Cuschieri
6. J. Zofrea	6. C. Alexander
7. R. Fry	7. D. Symes
8. S. Mullins	8. R. Uounan
9. D. Waddington	9. I. Calverley
10. P. Turner	10. R. Dolatowski
11. V. Zofrea	11. W. DeMoraes
12. K. Artusa	12. M. James
13. B. Hensler	13. P. Kay
	RGK. J. Williams

Manager: N. Turner
Coach: P. Waddington

Manager: R. Alexander
Coach: T. Wales

Results:

- Rd 1 Balgowlah 5-2 East Bankstown
Hoxton 10-3 Ermington
Rd 2 Balgowlah 8-1 East Bankstown
Hoxton 26-0 Ermington
Rd 3 Balgowlah Bye
Hoxton Bye
Rd 4 Balgowlah 5-2 Padstow United
Hoxton 4-2 Padstow United
Rd 5 Balgowlah 3-2 Pendle Hill
Hoxton 3-0 North Rocks
Rd 6 Balgowlah 4-1 Chullora
Hoxton 4-3 Epping Eastwood



Out Sutherland way it is often a case of "Style with a Smile".
North Sutherland v Grays Park game.

NSWASF Amateur Cup 6.30pm Cook Park, Wilson St, St Marys Caringbah Rangers v Loftus Rovers

Caringbah Rangers Soccer Club	Loftus Rovers Soccer Club
1. G. Kelly	1. L. Oakey
2. M. Brunning	2. J. Fallow
3. G. Mills	3. M. Lewis
4. K. Bacon	4. K. Hall
5. R. Griffiths	5. S. Symes
6. G. Bradley	6. D. Morgan
7. G. Johnston	7. P. Hall
8. S. Cox	8. M. Edwards
9. R. Fletcher	9. G. Holland
10. A. Froude	10. C. Holland
11. A. Griffiths	11. R. Johnson
12. T. Gorman	12. S. Keating
13. A. Froude	13. M. Piper
14. B. Porter	14. M. Schipp
15. D. Roberts	RGK. M. McAlpine
RGK. C. Pickard	

Manager: R. Bradley
Coach: R. Griffiths

Results:

- Rd 1 Caringbah Bye
Loftus Bye
Rd 2 Caringbah 1-0 Southern Highlands
Loftus 7-3 North Epping
Rd 3 Caringbah 1-0 Sylvania
Loftus 6-1 Pankleaga
Rd 4 Caringbah 4-2 Canterbury
Loftus 3-1 Wairoonga
Rd 5 Caringbah 5-4 Como West Janali
Loftus 2-1 Lavington
Rd 6 Caringbah 1-0 North Shore Hellas
Loftus 5-3 Carlingford

NSWASF U16 State Cup 12.30pm Cook Park, Wilson St, St Marys Richmond v Canterbury

Richmond Ex-Servicemens Soccer Club "Buccaneers"	Canterbury Soccer Club
1. G. Kocanda	1. P. Karabatsos
2. J. Teunis	2. T. Pignataro
3. D. Sproule	3. M. Roberts
4. T. Duffy	4. J. Ruter
5. M. Gainsford	5. P. Scandelin
6. P. Burke	6. G. Karavotas
7. J. Wu	7. E. Cakir
8. T. Meaker	8. L. Munro
9. S. Klinkacovski	9. R. Gazzetta
10. M. Gainsford	10. G. Tobar
11. M. Lukan	11. J. Armstrong
12. D. Levy	12. R. Lynch
13. P. Stojkovski	13. T. Mura
	14. R. Danks
	15. J. Enriquez
	16. M. Demarinis
	17. V. Martin
	RGK. J. Tsimboulis

Manager: F. Tunis
Coach: S. Gainsford

Manager: S. Stavrou
Coach: K. Stavrou

Results:

- Rd 1 Richmond 3-2 Lithgow PBC
Canterbury 2-1 Epping YMCA
Rd 2 Richmond 5-0 Lithgow PBC
Canterbury 0-1 Epping YMCA
Rd 3 Richmond Bye
Canterbury Bye
Rd 4 Richmond 3-0 Marrickville
Canterbury 3-2 Sylvania
Rd 5 Richmond 3-2 Kirrawee
Canterbury 3-2 Panania RSL
Rd 6 Richmond 5-1 Forbes
Canterbury 1-0 Chullora

NSWASF U21 Robertson Cup 4.30pm Cook Park, Wilson St, St Marys Panania RSL v Granville RSL

Panania RSL Soccer Club	Granville RSL Soccer Club
1. P. Kelly	1. P. Lambkin
2. G. Walker	2. P. Jamieson
3. G. Holbrook	3. C. Riley
4. P. Fryer	4. G. Fender
5. G. Symington	5. B. Lawrence
6. B. Pike	6. A. Thomas
7. D. Leach	7. G. Cage
8. B. Pearce	8. C. Aragone
9. A. Porter	9. S. Wall
10. E. Potter	10. R. Jagt
11. J. Haseley	11. D. Williams
12. S. Minor	12. D. Lambkin
13. P. Chaseling	
14. S. Hampton	
15. M. Bartley	
16. J. Woods	
17. R. Scott	

Manager: J. Werning
Coach: J. Reiha

Results:

- Rd 1 Panania 4-0 Macquarie
Granville 10-1 Revesby Workers
Rd 2 Panania Bye
Granville Bye
Rd 3 Panania 3-2 Pendle Hill
Granville 2-1 Manly Vale
Rd 4 Panania 3-1 Wairoonga
Granville 1-0 Revesby Lions (A)
Rd 5 Panania Bye
Granville Bye
Rd 6 Panania 1-0 Parklea
Granville 2-1 Revesby Lions (B)



APIA PUTS ON A BIG SHOW

BY DAVID JACK

IT'S going to be quite a night at the magnificent Apia Soccer club in Leichhardt on Friday.

There will be a double celebration there and club directors are hoping every seat in the auditorium is occupied.

Apia will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the club's foundation and, at the same time, the 20th anniversary of Apia Leichhardt's first premiership victory.

Be sure there will be plenty of talk about the early days of struggle when the club was founded by a bunch of Australian-Italians who worked at the Kurnell Oil Refinery.

There will be endless chatter, too, about the great Apia teams of the past in the days when the wearers of the maroon jerseys were rated Australia's number one side.

Leichhardt Apia Soccer general-manager Frank Sbisa is handling most of the arrangements for the big night and is anxious to contact all former players, officials and supporters.

"I would like to see ALL the old faces at this historic dinner," said Frank.

If anyone wishes to

attend, phone the Apia club on 810-0187 for all the details.

Nostalgia will take over with a vengeance when the players who helped Apia win the grand final in 1964 gather around the dinner table.

That team included Pat Hughes, Fil Bottalico, Adauto Iglesias, Stan Ackerley, Johnny Giacometti, Cliff Van Blerk and John Watkiss. It will be like a trip down Soccer's memory lane to meet the old gang once again.

Could today's crop of "star" players compare with the great names of 20 years ago?

Perhaps. But Apia fans will take a lot of convincing.

For instance, is there a forward around to match the deadly shooting of Giacometti? Is there a utility player like Watkiss able to play full-back, centre-half, wing-half or centre-forward? Is there a midfielder with the work-rate of Bottalico?

But we cannot put the clock back, although I am sure plenty of people at the Apia

Club Anniversary Dinner on Friday night will try

STAN ACKERLEY (right) in action for Australia and (below), a spectacular dive from JOHNNY GIACOMETTI



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THE DEFENDERS

BY TOM ANDERSON

AFTER examining various sections of national coach Frank Arok's Socceroo squad in recent weeks, we now come to the backbone of the team — the defence.

Over the years, this department has been the strong point of Australian Soccer — and still is.

Our players have always been well drilled and are physically equipped to stop anything.

However, since Arok has taken over the fortunes of the Socceroos, he has added greater dimension to our defensive set-up and this has brought vast improvement to the national team defensive players.

He has achieved this by giving them a methodical grounding in his defensive beliefs and through strict tactical organisation.

Of course the main aim of any defence is to

stop the opposition, win the ball and not to concede goals.

Thorough

Having watched Arok closely during training, I found his methods completely thorough.

This has proved successful against top outfits such as England, Juventus, Rangers, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest and will be just as successful against dangerous World Cup opponents Israel and New Zealand.

Israel is a team that needs space to display its technique and if boxed in and pressurised by defensive groups, tactics employed by the

Socceroos, then a great deal of the danger will be neutralised.

Although completely organised, Arok always leaves room for change in his defensive tactics — obviously according to the style adopted by the opposition.

Understanding is a very important ingredient of all defensive play and this can only be developed by continually playing together as a unit.

Since taking over the role of national coach, Arok has been loathe to make changes and the desired understanding between his defenders is now a confirmed fact.

To be a defender in this present Socceroo

set up takes a mixture of concentration, good understanding and discipline, as well as skill.

But a good defender does not ball watch and concentrates on marking his man at all times.

The two players holding down the full-back positions in the national team — **ALAN DAVIDSON** and **GRAHAM JENNINGS** — are two of the most talented players in the game.

Both are modern day full-backs who not only guard their own goal but can be efficient and ruthless attackers.

There again, this takes a great deal of self-discipline from the player, for the cost of going on the rampage at

STEVE O'CONNOR (right) in action against Juventus' Sergio Brlo.

the wrong time can sorrowfully be counted in goals against.

Thankfully both Davidson and Jennings have good discipline and can play their roles effectively.

Davidson is the more creative of the two and he can also tackle well and position himself to great advantage.

Jennings is the thorough destructive weapon. When he makes his dynamic, surging runs forward on the left he rips the heart out of the opposition.

They also have the intelligence to know when not to tackle and when to jockey their opponents.

As for the deputies, for my money the indestructible **JIM CANT** can be used in either position.

I would also include St George full-back **DAVID SKEEN**, who is of the same mould as Davidson and Jennings.

And Apia Leichhardt's **IAN GRAY** is also an accomplished full back.

Now we come to the central defenders — the axis of the team and the tall timber which can make or break any World Cup campaign.

Obviously you want big men here and Australia certainly has what it takes in this department.

King of the castle and the doyen of central defenders is St George's **DAVID RATCLIFFE**.

Ratcliffe is dominant in the air and strong on the ground. He tackles as if his life depends on it.

Ask the great Trevor Francis!

Along with Ratcliffe you have the big bear **STEVE O'CONNOR**, who as I stated last week can also be used as a defensive midfielder in front of Ratcliffe and Charlie Yankos — as he usually is.

Big Steve and Ratcliffe combine to make a barrier of steel at the back and with this pair in action the Socceroo team is certainly built on a solid foundation.

In the libero or sweeper role **CHARLIE YANKOS** is the man who puts the padlock on the door!

Charlie reads the game well, has excellent composure and is ultra-intelligent when it comes to Soccer tactics and safety first.

Yankos has not put a foot wrong since Arok introduced him against England last year and is a player worth his weight in gold.

On standby for the central defensive positions I would have Marconi's **TONY HENDERSON** — who still can turn on the style on big occasions and a man who has great passion for playing for Australia.

Also well equipped to come in at any time is St George's **MIKE O'SHEA**.

Not only do they have the talent to handle the situation, these are the men who will be the solid foundation for hopefully an Australian trip to Mexico and glory in 1986.



GRAHAM JENNINGS (right) holds off Rangers' John McDonald.

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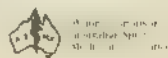


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LET'S GO INDOORS

WITH the hustle and bustle of full-time professionalism in England it's not surprising to see the indoor game increasing in popularity.

During my stay at Nottingham Forest last season, I was lucky enough to go to the Wembley Indoor Stadium to see the highly rated five-a-side competition.

The competition featured many of England's outstanding outdoor players and it was great to see them showing their wares.

Such is the popularity of the game that two, or sometimes three, big tournaments are played during the year.

You may wonder where players find time to play indoor football considering the English season is packed with games. The competition is scheduled not to clash with the domestic season or with the various European competitions.

The games have proved to be a popular treat for the thousands of supporters who follow the sport.

Understandably, the



entertainment factor has proved to be a big plus with the fans.

Fans love the mixture of speed, skill and strength involved in the game. Usually, the

**TOP: ERIC GATES (right).
BELOW: FRANK WORTHINGTON.**

most skilful individuals and teams dominate the play.

Recently, Channel 9 featured the finals of an Indoor Soccer competition played before 9,000 people.

It wasn't surprising to see established players like Peter Shilton, Kevin Moran, Frank Worthington, Eric Gates, Alan Sunderland, David Armstrong, Brian Talbot and co. playing in the competition.

It would be great if we could have a similar competition here in Australia as I'm sure spectators and players alike would enjoy the change.



CONCENTRATION LAPSE

ST GEORGE's recent game against Leichhardt Apia once again showed our lack of concentration during the last seconds of play.

Although we were down 2-0 and with 10 players on the field, we bounced back to level the score. In the final passage of play a lapse in our defence allowed Arno Bertogna of Leichhardt to head the ball home from close range and collect two important points for his side.

This year, in many of our games, we have been penalised for relaxing in the dying stages, dropping valuable points. The matches that come quickly to mind were against Penrith City, Melita and,

of course, Leichhardt.

It just shows how important it is to concentrate throughout the game — right through to the injury-time

period.

In the position St George is in, we just can't afford to give away precious competition points like that.

ROBBIE SLATER
Writes
for ASW

JUNIOR TIPS

THE world's greatest attacking players show strength in one particular aspect of their game — dribbling.

There are three things to remember when it comes to dribbling.

You must approach your opposing player at the quickest possible speed with the ball close to your body. Secondly, you must try and force your defender to commit himself in making a tackle.

Lastly, don't slow down if the defender decides to retreat.

A good way to improve your dribbling, as well as your ball control, is to set up a straight line of sticks or rubber cones and dribble the ball between each one.

This helps your close-in ball control as well as fluency.

HARD WEEKEND FOR THE TOP TEAMS

BY PETER RUSSELL

IT was a weekend of mixed fortunes for National Youth League championship contenders AIS and Newcastle, who along with Sydney City had to play on both Saturday and Sunday.

Newcastle and AIS had to play their two games in Sydney. Marconi were the Institute's hosts on Saturday, but were most inhospitable by taking both points from the ACT boys.

Peter Sharpe opened the scoring for them in the 16th minute following a corner and Robert Foster made it 2-0 in the 52nd minute with a 20 metre screamer.

Lou Hristodilous got the Institute's consolation in the 66th minute.

Jimmy Shoulder's lads had more success in their second assignment for the weekend (against Leichhardt) when they fought back from an early second half penalty setback.

After keeper Michael Runje had fouled an attacker at the edge of the penalty area, Vince Collagiuri netted from the spot.

However, nine minutes later they too were awarded a spot kick following a hand ball. Andrew Bernals penalty was initially saved by keeper Glenn Guerrero but not held and Bernals tucked away the rebound.

Warren Spink got the winner in the 80th minute, when he volleyed home the rebound from a Tom Burke shot that rattled the crossbar.

On Saturday at the Sydney Athletic Field, the Slickers and Newcastle hotly contested their deferred fixture.

It was a scrappy game with the strong wind contributing to the disjointed play of both sides.

Neither team had any clear domination of the game although it appeared to be against the run of play when the Rosebuds opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Matthew Garland's dipping and swerving shot from a free-kick 30 metres out deceived keeper Jim Konistas.

Perpetual motion Johnny Foxman got the equaliser in the 63rd minute when he blocked a Rosebuds clearance at the edge of the six yard box to see the ball rebound into the Newcastle net.

Melita Eagles jumped back into second spot with a convincing win over Newcastle at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

The Rosebuds, no doubt leg-weary from their hard encounter with the Slickers the previous day, were no match for the livewire Eagles, who scored through Peter Whiteside, Lenny Vital (two) and

Paul Andricopoulos.

Darren Stewart snatched the Rosebuds' solitary reply in the 58th minute.

Olympic continued its slump, going down 3-0 against the enthusiastic Penrith Panthers at Cook Park.

Michael Toohey opened the scoring in the eighth minute with a 25 yard free-kick.

David Carbone made it two in the 34th minute when he side-footed home a Dennis Colusso cross, and David Shute made it three following a great solo run in the 73rd minute.

At St George Stadium, the Saints struggled to a 2-0 victory over the Demons in another scrappy game in which neither side dominated.

Saints goals were scored through Steve Zantides (penalty 18th minute), after Chris Polias had been fouled heading for goal, and a Polias snap-shot in the 80th minute after the Demons had failed to clear a corner kick.

Croatia continued its revival at the expense of wooden spooners Wollongong at King Tomislav Park and took control of the game right from the start, never letting the Wolves in at any stage.

Steve Meades opened their scoring in the 35th minute from a Paul Kirwan cross. The winner grabbed one for himself when he pounced on a loose ball in the Wolves area in the 47th minute.

At Bruce Stadium, the fresh Canberra Arrows side proved too lively for the travel and log-weary Sydney Slickers winning 2-1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	17	12	2	3	41	17	26
Melita Eagles	17	10	3	4	30	22	23
Newcastle	18	9	5	4	28	22	23
Canberra	18	10	2	6	36	29	22
Leichhardt	18	9	4	5	30	23	22
St George	18	9	3	6	43	38	21
Marconi	18	6	5	7	26	32	17
Sydney City	18	7	2	9	41	28	16
Blacktown	18	7	2	8	19	29	16
Olympic	18	6	1	11	36	42	13
Penrith	18	5	2	11	30	43	12
Croatia	19	5	2	12	23	38	12
Wollongong	17	4	1	12	26	46	9



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

ROUND 21

SATURDAY AUGUST 18
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD v
ST GEORGE

Adamstown Oval 2.30pm

CANBERRA ARROWS v
FOOTSCRAY

National Sports Centre 3pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 19
BLACKTOWN CITY v
SYDNEY CROATIA

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

MARCONI v
PENRITH CITY

Marconi Stadium 3pm

SYDNEY CITY v
LEICHHARDT

Sydney Athletic Field 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v
BRISBANE CITY

Pratten Park 3pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA v
WOLLONGONG CITY

Melita Stadium 3pm

BRISBANE LIONS v
PRESTON

Richlands 3pm

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v
ADELAIDE CITY

Olympic Park No. 2 3pm

FOOTSCRAY v
CANBERRA ARROWS

Schintler Reserve 3pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED v
GREEN GULLY

Olympic Village 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v
SOUTH MELBOURNE

Chaplin Reserve 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE v
MELBOURNE CROATIA

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm

NSW STATE LEAGUE

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

MONARO ON WAY TO NATIONAL LEAGUE

INTER MONARO look certain to take out this year's title and win promotion into the NSL after defeating second-placed Rockdale Ilinden 1-0 at Marco Polo Oval.

Although the season isn't over, it appears to be a formality for Monaro. Next week they are away to Manly and in their last game they play Avala at home.

Monaro president Laurie Pastrello was slightly disappointed that his team didn't secure the premiership before this game.

"With the name players at the club it's a little upsetting that we didn't make sure of it a few weeks ago," he said.

On his club's chances in the National Soccer League next year he added: "I'm sure we won't come last."

Pastrello was quick to point out that Monaro would not be extravagant like other teams in the NSL and they would be budgeting between \$160,000 to \$180,000 in their first season in the competition.

During the first half, both sides shared the spoils but Monaro scored the winner in the 12th minute.

Walter Valeri, one of Monaro's best players, latched on to an attempted back pass by Rockdale's Billy Pilovski and drove the ball over the advancing Rockdale keeper.

Monaro were against the wind in the second half and were tested by a resolute Rockdale attack.

Strong defensive play by Mark Francis, Harry Williams and Phil Dux, playing his first game in the top grade after replacing suspended captain John Santolin, kept them at bay.

Rockdale coach Ilyn Takacs was upset that his team couldn't convert their goalscoring chances.

"We had a succession of corners — particularly in

the second half," he said.

"We just couldn't put them away. It was a good game for the spectators and although Monaro won, Soccer also won on the day."

INTER MONARO: Hocking, Williamson, Domazetovich, Dux, Francis, Willox, Wilke, Farrell, Giampaolo, Valeri, Brennan.

ROCKDALE: Smith, Deegan, D Wilson, Pilovski, G. Wilson, Nastovski, Jones, Slavski, Trajanovski (Ristovski 75), Brown, Karanishovski.



WALTER VALERI

HENRY OWCZOREK was the two-goal hero in Polonia's 2-0 win over Ku-ring-gai at Chopin Park.

Although Owczorek scored both of Polonia's goals, Ku-ring-gai had their share of scoring chances.

During the opening stages a shot from Andy Tracey was brilliantly saved by Polonia goalie Ian Barker. In the 15th minute a header by Neale Williamson was cleared off the Polonia goal-line by Ben Divani.

It was in the second half that Polonia displayed a willingness to attack and they were rewarded when Owczorek scored in the 56th and 85th minutes.

POLONIA: Barker, Divani, Pratt, Fogarty, Galas, Van Der Berg (Juchiewicz 65), Lumsdane, Nowak, Sobczyk, Kowalczyk, Owczorek.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bennett, Ings, Jesse, Watson, Quigley, Bourke, Bass (Hunter 80), Tracey, Jeffery (G Williamson 86), N. Williamson.

SAINTS SHOCK SHIRE

BY KEVIN SAWYER

Supporters of Warringah Narabeen and Sutherland Shire left the Fitness Centre wondering why Saints were struggling against relegation after their super win over the Shire.

Warringah were determined to win while Sutherland were very disappointed.

The only time Sutherland looked promotion possible was when a well-worked free-kick in the first half ended in an opening goal for John Stoddart.

That was the only first half goal but the second half saw a very different Warringah.

Captain Billy Bullock led by example when his two corners brought Warringah's two goals in the space of 15 minutes.

The first was put away by Dave Rylands with a header and the second was almost a carbon copy, with Alan Dean the scorer.

The home team could have won by four or five goals when Greg Griffin hit the post with a header and Kenny Sorge also rattled the post with a 25 metre shot.

Warringah's best players were Griffin, Sorge, Dean and man of the match Bullock while Sutherland's top performers were Stoddart, Hargraves and Webber.

WARRINGAH: P Dean, Mahoney, Collings, Rylands, Hanley, Sorge, Garrett, Griffin, Bullock, Sandtner, A. Dean.

LAST WEEK'S SCORER: Glen Jeffery scored for Ku-ring-gai against Rockdale last week — not Neale Williamson as reported in ASW.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL are the likely relegation candidates after losing to highly-placed Manly 3-1 at Jensen Oval.

Bankstown, on 10 points, have only two games left. Next Sunday they face Avala, while in the last round they do battle against Auburn. Although Yugal are a point ahead of Bankstown they have three games left.

Bobby Pagano, one of the most consistent players in the State League, scored the first two goals for Manly in the 15th and 73rd minutes of the game.

Wally Apanian scored the home side's solitary goal in the 42nd minute after good build-work from Green and El Hussien.

With just 10 minutes remaining, Roy Jones sealed the issue for the Seaside with a fine opportunistic goal.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Agostino, Ismael, Green (Hassan 57), Blackburn, Doltan, Kennedy, Pavella, El Hussien, Apanian, Parker (Sirett 83).

MANLY: Conradi, Scobie, Pierce, J Dick, Williamson, Jones, Steven, Leak, Panes, Pagano, Stuart (Vale 60).

INTER-URBAN POINTS

INTER URBAN 1st Division: (1st grade) Rooty Hill 31, C'twn Gunn 28, Padstow Pk 28, Wetherill Pk 27, Eastwood 22, Fairfield Kiev 18, Sydney Uni 18, Nineveh 18, Hurstville-Zagreb 15, Spanish 13, Maroubra 12, Wenty Waratahs 4.

(2nd grade): Eastwood 33, Rooty Hill 30, Wetherill Pk 29, Sydney Uni 22, Padstow Pk 21, Wenty Waratahs 20, Maroubra 18, Spanish 18, C Gunn 14, Nineveh 14, Hurstville-Zagreb 9, Fairfield Kiev 4.

INTER URBAN 2nd Division: (1st grade) West St George 26, Macarthur Utd 24, Macq Uni 24, Hawks Dist 22, Chelsea 21, Pagewood 20, Tras Spts 19, Chile 19, Concordia 18, West Utd 16, Green Valley 15, Sydney Maccabi 12.

(2nd grade): West St George 27, Chelsea 27, Hawks Dist 26, Macq Uni 25, Pagewood 22, West Utd 20, Trasindinos 19, Concordia 16, Macarthur Utd 18, Green Valley 15, Chile 13, Sydney Maccabi 8.

INTER URBAN 3rd Division: (1st grade) L'pool City 29, Dulwich Hill 29, Roseberry 27, Biktwn Wand 23, Rangers 14, Heberfield 14, Robins 14, Smithfield 14, Chullora 13, Murray Farm 11, Nepean 6.

(2nd grade): Dulwich Hill 33, Murray Farm 28, Robins 23, Biktwn Wand 23, L'pool City 23, Roseberry 21, Rangers 16, Smithfield 14, Heberfield 6, Chullora 6, Nepean 3.

INTER URBAN 4th Division: (1st grade) Welcome 29, Concordia 25, Agrentinian 23, Colo Colo 23, Castle Hill 20, Lithgow Wkr 20, Biktwn 17, Lansvale Utd 15, Jedvinsto Utd 13, L'pool Rangers 9, Hellas Poseldon 2.

(2nd grade): Colo Colo 30, Concordia 25, Castle Hill 23, Argentinian 21, Welcome 20, Biktwn W 17, Lansvale Utd 16, L'pool Rangers 15, Hellas Poseldon 14, Jed Utd 12, Lithgow 7.

INTER URBAN 5th Division: (1st grade) Mac Yagoona 31, Greenisland 30, Petersham Lus 26, Calabria 21, Crescent Star 21, Abruzzi 20, Fairfield Ath 11, Ludd Croatia 10, Santiago 9, St Mary's 8, Sans Souci 3.

(2nd grade): Mac Yagoona 29, Greenisland 28, Calabria 24, Fairfield Ath 20, Petersham Lus 20, Abruzzi 18, Crescent Star 17, Sans Souci 12, St Marys 10, Ludd Croatia 9, Santiago 5.



SPIRO HANTZIS

AUBURN URUGUAY recorded the first win in five weeks defeating lowly-placed Yugal 1-0 at Fraser Park.

The game never reached great heights — apart from the display from one player, Neil Parfitt. He scored Auburn's winning goal in the 53rd minute with a spectacular drive.

Auburn played possession football after this goal and looked well in control.

Yugal came close once when a Zivkovic header was cleared off the line by Auburn defender Slav Planinic.

YUGAL: Berry, Pahor, Marko, Tomasic, Clarke, Mihalovic (Goldarevic 76), Jesic, Zivkovic, Rodas, Thannidis, Tanoski.

AUBURN: Rosano, Kelly, Geckie, Watt, Planinic, Akoutas, Carney (Gale 83), Parfitt, Townson (O'Shane 69), Wright, Banales.

AVALA eased their relegation fears with a convincing 3-0 victory over Canterbury-Marrickville at Arlington Oval.

This would rate as Avala's most important win of the season and coach Steven Lalic was impressed with his team's performance.

Canterbury had the best chance to break the deadlock in the 21st minute when a shot from Spiro Hantzis beat the Avala keeper but struck the woodwork.

Gary Buteman put the visitors ahead in the first half, confidently heading home a Richie Williams corner.

Early in the second half, Canterbury striker Louis Dounnis almost levelled the score.

Avala went further ahead in the 66th minute when Ricky Budini volleyed the ball into goal following good lead-up by Buteman. Two minutes later Bratkovic sealed the issue driving the ball home from close range.

CANTERBURY: Kontistis, Antonopoulos, Laws, Titilas, Efthimiadis (Karapopoulos 60, Philipou 70), Hantzis, Anagnostopoulos, Vasilou, Hall, Dounnis, Andreou.

AVALA: Thurlow, Lembrink, Milne, Budini, MacKenzie, Duvnjak, Rodrigues, Kodor, Williams (Nedie 65), Bateman, Bratkovic.



BOBBY PAGANO

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Monaro	20	13	5	2	57	21	31
Rockdale	20	12	4	4	39	21	28
Manly	19	10	7	2	38	13	27
S'tand	20	10	5	5	33	19	25
Auburn	19	7	7	5	18	15	21
Polonia	19	6	5	8	21	27	17
K'gai	20	5	7	8	23	32	17
Avala	19	5	6	8	26	36	16
C-M'via	20	5	5	10	18	40	15
W'gah	19	5	4	10	21	36	14
Yugal	19	3	6	10	24	28	12
B'town	20	3	5	12	18	46	11

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gai	19	14	3	2	47	11	31
Manly	18	13	3	3	50	17	29
C-M'via	20	13	3	4	40	23	28
S'tand	19	12	3	4	51	20	27
Auburn	19	8	5	6	34	28	21
Rockdale	19	8	3	8	36	37	19
B'kawn	19	8	2	9	29	31	18
W'gah	19	6	4	9	22	39	16
Monaro	20	6	2	12	21	42	14
Avala	19	2	4	13	17	41	9
Yugal	19	3	3	13	17	47	8
Polonia	19	2	4	13	17	42	8

DIV 1 - GDE 3

S'tand	17	12	3	2	46	19	27
Manly	18	13	1	4	41	17	27
C-M'via	18	12	2	4	38	17	26
Auburn	17	11	1	5	42	21	23
Polonia	18	11	0	8	40	17	22
B'kawn	17	7	2	8	25	26	16
Rockdale	17	6	0	11	19	41	12
Yugal	16	5	0	11	16	42	9
Avala	18	4	1	13	29	44	8
W'gah	17	3	2	12	21	48	8
K'gai	17	4	0	13	13	43	8

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	19	16	1	2	47	15	33
W'gong M	18	12	5	1	36	12	29
Bathurst	19	10	7	2	35	15	27
Dee Why	18	10	5	3	49	18	25
Norths	18	8	5	3	34	24	21
Biktwn U	18	8	4	6	39	22	20
Rev Wkr	18	7	8	5	27	19	20
Glad-Hby	18	8	3	7	31	23	19
Belmore	18	2	6	10	15	38	16
Pen Utd	17	3	3	11	22	46	9
Art'mon	19	3	3	13	27	57	9
Parra City	18	3	2	13	31	58	8
NSW Uni	18	2	2	14	14	58	8

DIV 2 - GDE 2

Biktwn U	18	14	3	1	59	11	31
Rev Wkr	18	10	5	3	38	17	25
Norths	18	10	5	3	35	21	25
Dee Why	18	10	4	4	40	16	24

Glad-Hby	18	9	4	5	33	22	22
Fairy M	19	9	3	7	34	24	21
Art'mon	19	9	2	6	43	49	20
W'gong M	18	7	4	7	38	33	18
Pen Utd	17	6	2	9	29	46	14
Bathurst	19	4	3	12	12	42	11
Belmore	18	4	2	12	24	45	10
Par City	18	2	4	12	24	44	8
NSW Uni	18	3	1	14	8	45	7

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	18	15	2	1	71	8	32
Biktwn U	18	11	6	1	36	11	28
Pen Utd	17	12	2	3	47	22	26
Bathurst	19	11	1	7	39	24	23
Glad-Hby	18	8	6	4	36	13	22
Norths	18	9	3	6	41	24	21
Art'mon	19	7	4	8	44	42	18
Dee Why	18	7	4	7	25	40	18
NSW Uni	18	7	3	8	29	23	17
Parra C	18	6	1	11	22	33	13
Fairy M	19	1	7	11	17	37	8
Rev Wkr	18	3	1	14	12	84	7
W'gong M	18	1	0	17	12	90	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	19	15	2	2	43	10	32
Q Park	20	12	3	5	45	21	27
Bondi	20	10	5	3	37	25	25
King Tom	18	8	0	5	36	25	22
Pl Hack	18	8	4	8	32	31	20
B'kham M	19	8	4	7	26	33	20
Mo'bank	18	7	5	7	32	27	19
Nth Ryde	19	7	2	10	24	23	16
K'ford	18	7	2	9	26	29	16
MT Druitt	19	6	2	11	22	36	14
CSI	19	3	6	10	25	50	12
Lane C	19	2	1	16	16	58	8

DIV 3 - GDE 2

Bondi	20	13	4	3	50	16	30
C'twn City	19	12	2	5	58	25	26
K'ford	18	12	3	3	54	25	27
Q Park	20	10	3	7	44	27	23
Nth Ryde	19	9	5	8	34	24	23
CSI	19	10	3	6	36	34	23
M'bank	19	8	3	8	34	26	19
Pl Hack	18	6	3	9	40	37	15
B Hills	19	7	1	11	35	34	15
King Tom	19	6	2	11	35	47	14
MT Druitt	19	3	3	13	34	53	9
Lane C	19	0	2	17	11	118	2

DIV 3 - GDE 3

B Hills	19	15	4	0	74	8	34
Bondi	20	15	3	2	49	19	33
C'twn City	19	13	4	2	65	17	30
Pl Hack	21	11	6	4	36	25	28
MT Druitt	20	12	2	6	47	22	26
M'bank	19	8	3	8	25	40	19
Q Park	20	6	6	8	31	33	18
K'ford	19	8	2	9	24	33	18
King Tom	19	7	4	8	23	41	18
Nth Ryde	20	5	0	15	19	71	6
CSI	19	1	0	18	10	83	2
Lane Cove	21	0	0	21	0	0	0

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION PRESENTS TOP ACTION SOCCER DIVISION 1

CHIT HAT



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN Glynis Nunn winning a gold medal at the Olympic Games may have inspired West Adelaide to that sensational 3-1 win over South Melbourne.

At least that's the theory of West veteran Neil McGachey.

"All the lads could talk about before the game was the performance of Glynis," he said.

"I'm sure that gave us the hype needed to beat South."

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SOUTH MELBOURNE were also involved with an Olympian. SA's Mike Turtur, on the way home, was in the same plane as the Victorians who got a first hand look at the cyclist's gold medal.

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THERE appears to be some mystery about the non-appearance of John Kritikos in the West Adelaide line-up on a regular basis.

At one point we got three different versions as to why the 24-year-old forward, back from a three-year stint playing in Greece, was not selected.

One said he had arrived late at the ground, another that he had a damaged nose which required plaster, and another that he was not yet considered fully fit.

TOMMY McCULLOCH may not be returning to Southampton after all.

The Youth Soccerroo captain wrote to the English club at the end of last season but has not had a reply yet.

But even if Southampton do offer him terms, it seems the Marconi midfielder would rather be trying to win a place in Australia's World Cup squad next November.

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ONCE again Kiwi international Glenn Dods agreed to come out of retirement to help out Adelaide City coach Edmund Krefl for the match against Sydney Croatia.

This was because midfielders Charlie Villani and Sergio Melita were suspended.

"I have an arrangement with Glenn and it is good to know he is there when needed," said Krefl.

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BRISBANE CITY may have had some mystic help in breaking their home hoodoo with victory over Parramatta Melita.

A club supporter, fed up with the continual run of losses and draws, employed an old Sicilian custom of casting salt over the ground for good luck and to chase away the demons.

City officials refuse to attribute the win to this, but they certainly aren't complaining.



PHIL KERR

CANBERRA ARROWS have missed two players badly this season — defenders Terry Byrne and George Christopoulos.

Byrne has been suffering from a severe injury while Christopoulos has been in Greece trying to become a full-time professional.

Christopoulos is back but will probably finish up with a Melbourne club. It is feared Byrne will not recover from his injury.

Peter Burke could have helped overcome the loss of Byrne and Christopoulos but when he broke a leg soon after being signed from Newcastle, Arrows coach Doug Collins must have thought nothing would go right in 1984.

At least Collins is honest about his team's failings. "If we can't beat a bad team like Green Gully, we're in trouble," said Doug after Gully beat Canberra 3-0.

WOLLONGONG CITY'S Phil Kerr is already into coaching.

The young utility player, who had a big game against Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park, coaches Corrimal's Under 19 team in Illawarra.

Kerr, formerly with Corrimal, has strong links with the club as his father, Warren, was in the star-studded Corrimal side of the 1950s.

Kerr says he is enjoying coaching the Corrimal boys but is finding Soccer takes up most of his spare time.

He recently started his own courier business and has to train three nights with his Wollongong teammates and twice with the Corrimal youngsters.

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BEFORE the start of this season, the National League stated it was looking for an average crowd of 3,000 per match to keep clubs reasonably happy.

At the time, this did not seem a too-ambitious expectation.

Recently, however, the average figure has been below 1,500 — or an aggregate turn-out of only 18,000. And even that figure is probably inflated.

It is not surprising many clubs call for a drastic change in the NSL format for the 1985 season.

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SOMETIMES a player has to leave his local district to get a start in senior football.

And that was the situation with Wollongong City's Scott Dickson.

Dickson, who grew up in Penrith, began his senior career with State League club Polonia (based near Blacktown).

He got his NSL chance with Wollongong, and he is currently shining as a centre-back.

Dickson turns his talents to Cricket in the summer, when he plays as a wicketkeeper for the Penrith club.

YOUNG Sydney Olympic strikers Chris Kalantzis and Terry Petalis have one thing in common.

At the beginning of the season they were labelled as definite starters in the Sydney Olympic line-up which would, hopefully, take out its first NSL title.

This was not to be.

They failed to impress coach Manfred Schaefer and have spent most of the season in the youth team.

It was interesting to note which players were amongst the goals in Olympic's recent 3-0 win over Wollongong City recently.

You guessed it. Kalantzis scored two goals and Petalis the other.

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SOCCEROO goalkeeper Terry Greedy was rushed back into the St George side after injury for the vital game against Leichhardt.

Greedy did well to get through the hectic 90 minutes. In fact, coach Frank Arok admitted after that Greedy was not really fit to play.

At least, Arok is making a good recovery from a neck operation. "I can handle pain," he said, "but I'm glad the headaches have gone."

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STEVE ATSALES, West Adelaide midfielder who was fast reaching the "star" class, won't be seen for the rest of the season.

He has been forced to go into hospital for a knee operation and won't be making any miracle recoveries — at least not as far as playing in the NSL in 1984 is concerned.

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MARCONI midfielder Craig Mason has been one of the reasons for the Fairfield team's re-emergence this season.

At the beginning of the year, Marconi were struggling near the foot of the ladder. With the disbandment of Newcastle KB United, Marconi moved quickly to sign Mason.

His creativity and distribution have added a vital new element in Marconi's attacking play.

In fact, a few ardent Marconi followers think he should join the Soccerroos on the world tour in November.

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QUEENSLANDER Kim Wishart's omission from the national "A" and "B" squads surprised many fans.

Wishart, a goalkeeper who dominates his penalty area to great effect, was in the Australian squad for the 1983 England series.

Recently, Wishart's Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy suggested that he move south if he is to realise his national team ambitions.

Wishart said he would consider a move to Sydney or Melbourne if the right offer came along.

At 27, he gives himself five more years at the top to become a permanent Soccerroo selection.

SOCCER is frequently criticised for prolonging its season which lasts much longer than seasons in other footballing codes.

Those complaints are unlikely to be heard next year.

It is expected the NSL season will start in March and will be all over, including end-of-season play-offs, by the middle of September.

The suggested September cut-off was inspired by the necessity for Australia's World Cup squad to have a short rest before going into Cup elimination games against New Zealand, Israel and Chinese Taipei.

Another proposal for next season's NSL is for the two divisions of the competition to be called...divisions! In other words, the abominable word "conference" is to be expunged from Soccer.

It should never have been brought in.

DON'T be surprised if South Melbourne full-back Bobby Russell returns to Adelaide.

The former Adelaide City star says that while he has no complaints about South, he still prefers the Adelaide lifestyle to that on offer in Melbourne.

"If anyone wanted me I would listen to offers from SA," he said.

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AUSTRALIA'S first two matches in next year's World Cup eliminations are both away from home...in New Zealand on September 21 and Israel on October 10.

This suits coach Frank Arok perfectly.

But the danger is the Soccerroos will have their morale shattered if they lose both games — and would be virtually out of the World Cup before playing any home matches.



TERRY GREEDY

ONE youngster Wollongong City must hold on to next season is striker Tony Corradini.

There have been reports that Corradini is thinking of a change of clubs but he has the potential to make it in the NSL.

He joined Wollongong from Fairy Meadow's Under 18 team this season and after a slow start has made a big impact on the youth side.

In the recent 4-3 win over Sydney Olympic, Corradini scored twice and took the eye with his ability to take an defenders.

There aren't too many senior players with this ability so Corradini could become a very handy asset to Wollongong in 1985.

PENRITH CITY have copped a couple of hidings this year — from Marconi (1-7) and Preston (0-6) — but, as captain Mickey Cross points out, those results have given the otherwise solid Panthers backline a bad name.

Taking away those 13 goals, Penrith's defensive record in the 24-team NSL has been second only to that of Sydney City.

Cross is confident Penrith can make the top five, and he says: "We seem to play better against the top teams."

After Sydney Olympic last Sunday, Penrith's next two opponents are Marconi and Melita — all three teams currently in the top five.



CRAIG MASON (left) in action for Marconi against Sydney City's Willie Murray.

GPS SOCCER UNDER CONSIDERATION

THE Headmasters' Conference of the Greater Public Schools could approve the institution of Soccer competitions in 1985.

The numbers of pupils interested in playing Soccer football has increased dramatically in the schools over the years.

Schools such as Sydney Grammar (12 teams), The Kings School Parramatta (10 teams) and Newington College (five teams) are already involved in the Independent Schools competitions.

CIS ON TOP

THE Combined Independent Schools gained a first-ever win over Combined Associated Schools in the annual fixture played at Trinity Grammar School.

The winning goal in the close 2-1 victory arrived from a penalty from the deadly accurate boot of midfielder Colin Johnstone from The Armadale School in the dying minutes of the game.

CIS netted first, the goal being scored by F. Foshesato from a rebound.

CAS centre-forward R. Peiris of Barker posed a problem to CIS but S. McCrce of Armadale did an effective marking job on him.

Wayne Spice of St Ignatius made some excellent saves for CIS, for whom J. MacKay and P. McClelland of Newington rose to the occasion in every challenge.

CAS winger D. Kennedy of Knox squeezed a shot into the top corner, but with the minutes ticking by, a handball was conceded in the CAS defence and Johnstone's penalty won the day.

— PHILLIP JAGGER

"Competitions" is probably not quite the word, as games played between schools on a challenge basis.

St Ignatius College came in this year for the first time and fielded four teams.

Other GPS schools play Soccer, but not in the Independent

Schools series.

If GPS Soccer commences as expected, the Combined Associated Schools would be a group on its own, with perhaps ungrouped schools joining in.

As it stands, the Independent Schools series encompasses Barker, Cranbrook As-

sociated Schools.

Added to this are The Kings, Sydney Grammar, St Ignatius and Newington from GPS ranks, plus St Andrew's Cathedral and St Patrick's Strathfield.

In all, 129 teams are playing at present during the almost four-month winter season.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SOCCER — 1984

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE: 47 Upper Pitt St, MILSON POINT, 2061 (922 1177) Contact: Michael Gordon (master in charge and sportsmaster) 858 2893 (home) (13 teams).

BARKER COLLEGE: Pacific Highway, HORNSBY, 2077 (477 3966). Contact: Ian Moyes (sportsmaster), Craig Harris (MIC Soccer) 86 1071 (home) (11 teams).

CRANBROOK: Victoria Rd, BELLEVUE HILL, (327 6864). Contact: Graham Blazey (MIC Soccer) 309 1961 (home), Geoff Richards (sportsmaster) (16 teams).

KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Pacific Highway, WAHROONGA, 2076 (487 0122) Contact: Graham Hughes (MIC Soccer) 456 3824 (home) Mr W. Lawson (sportsmaster) (13 teams).

TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Prospect Rd, SUMMER HILL 2130 (789 5022) Contact: Ray Walker (sportsmaster and MIC Soccer) (11 teams).

WAVERLEY COLLEGE: 131 Birrell St, WAVERLEY 2024 (389 5866) Contact: Bill Sofatzis (MIC Soccer) 78 3785 (home) Mr P. Milligan (sportsmaster) (12 teams).

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL: 474 Kent St, SYDNEY SQUARE 2000 (267 6491).

Contact: Eric Barnard (MIC Soccer) 499 9537 (home) (12 teams).

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE: Tambourine Bay Rd, LANE COVE 2066 (428 3033) Contact: Bob Hanley (MIC Soccer) 929 2425 (home) Michael Punch (sportsmaster) (4 teams).

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE: Merley Rd, STRATHFIELD 2135 (763 1000) Contact: Michael Torpey (MIC Soccer) 759 8168 (home) Br Peter Hamill (sportsmaster) (10 teams).

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CONVENOR: Chris Acland (Trinity Grammar) 798 5022 Ext 37, 389 8864 (home).

CHS WIN

NSW Combined High School defeated Combined Independent Schools 6-2 in the representative match played under floodlights at Punchbowl Oval.

Although the final result was one of the most one-sided over the last six years, the 2-0 lead to CHS at half-time did not last for long.

Independents pulled one goal back and the score later went to 3-2 before CHS collected a penalty and moved on to a clear victory.

Two strong players from the Armadale School flew to Sydney for Saturday representative appearances but could not stay over for the Monday game.

Chris Acland, the Combined Associated Schools convenor, said he would like to see a 1985 representative series to include CHS, GPS, CAS and the Catholic Schools.

The CIS players were: W. Spice (St Ignatius) J. MacKay (Newington) R. Sommerville (Knox) P. Cuff (Barker) A. McAulisse (St Patrick's) B. Bush (Cranbrook) A. Ferguson (Barker) R. McClelland (Newington) R. Masson (St Aloysius) A. Jones (Cranbrook) A. Nicholson (Barker) F. Foshesato (St Patrick's) R. Peiris (Barker) D. Kennedy (Knox).



This action comes from the St Patrick's v St John Bosco clash at Dobell Rd.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS PLAN NEW SENIOR CUP

SOCCKER interests in the private school system are looking at the possibility of conducting a major cup competition for schools outside the State system.

Chris Acland, convenor for the Combined Associated Schools and for the Independent Schools Soccer competitions, believes the time to move is more than ripe.

Some years ago, the State, Private and Catholic schools Soccer enthusiasts got together to establish a national federation.

Through funding and other difficulties the NSW State body appears to have become one for the departmental schools only.

The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup includes members of the Combined High Schools alone.

Organisation is arranged through the CHS Soccer convenor Gareth Williams and the CHS Sports Association.



GARETH WILLIAMS

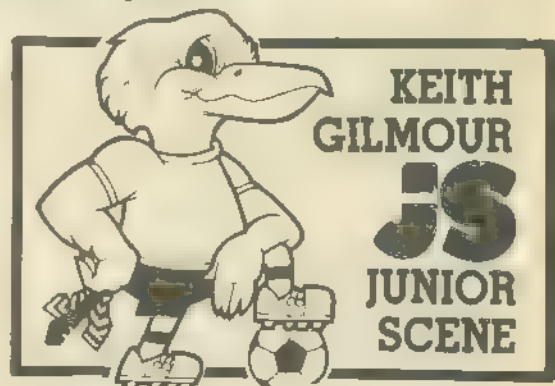
Other codes and sports can spread their wings because the senior State bodies take a big interest and indeed actually organise major schoolboy events.

Not so NSW Soccer, which over the years has shown no imagination whatsoever in organising schoolboy Soccer competitions.

Schools Soccer is allowed to grow at grass-roots sporadically, and neither sensible pattern nor progress is ever organised or assisted to any degree from above at State level.

A case in point amongst other sports is Basketball.

Here the NSW Basketball Association



takes on interest in all types of schools, enabling the base of the game to be extended.

In Soccer, the Turner Cup for U15 players has been organised by the teachers, and schools have been invited in from all parts of the educational system.

The success is unbelievable, with 270 schools of all kinds joining in after only a few years operation.

There is a similar situation with secondary girls Soccer. Operating so far in the Education Dept schools alone, 190 schools this year have played in the Ku-ring-gai Cup.

If the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup is to remain for the time under CHS control alone, then the move for an Independent Schools Cup school be consummated in 1985.

However the Turner Cup has proved the point that the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup should spread to all sections of secondary school life.

The Turner Cup matches are handled in the various regions right across the State.

Some co-ordinating is alone with the assistance of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation in Newcastle.

There is no reason why a Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup could not be handled initially in the regions, with the

Catholic and private schools as well as the State schools all invited in.

Surely the NSW Soccer Federation staff could be made available and given indications of how the system is to work.

It is futile for the Parklea edifice to handle Youth League and State representative teams only. These are only sections of the main flow of schools and junior Soccer.

The NSW Federation should be there to work for schools Soccer and to take belated action to expand the base of the game.

In the Catholic schools in Sydney alone, Soccer competitions are held by the Metropolitan Catholic Schools, the Metropolitan Catholic Colleges and the North Shore Catholic Schools.

These organisations, plus the GPS, Associated and ungrouped schools should all be assisted into the mainstream of Soccer by action from what should be the very heart of the game.

The Independent Schools Soccer Cup would have an additional immediate benefit.

The Soccer teams of many large private schools in country cities and towns would quickly join in, thus spreading the game immeasurably.



NSW junior coach John Haynes receives a clock as a memento for coaching assistance to the NSW Country boys from prominent Albion businessman and sportsman Les O'Brien.

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YOUTH LEAGUE FINALS

MARCONI and Sydney Olympic qualified for the prestigious U16 Youth League final, to be contested at St George Stadium, Rockdale, at 8pm on Saturday night.

After losing an early penalty, Marconi got right on top of Blacktown City in the semi-final played at Mona Park.

St George was tumbled out 0-2 by Olympic at Punchbowl Oval, but they qualified on Sunday for the vacant third place to represent Sydney in the State Championships by defeating Blacktown 1-0.

Two Nepean players were sent off in the U15 semi-final against Olympic.

The nine players soldiered on, but their 3-1 lead was whittled away to 3-3 by full-time.

Olympic ended up as 4-3 winners of a magnificent game. Nepean went on to win the third place playoff 3-2 against Granville.

Chris Eliadis scored with only a minute to go to put St George in the U13 final against Melita Eagles.

Stefan Jee supplied the cross that resulted in the winner.

Granville tested Saints goalie "Mitch" Ioannou in the fifth minute. They dominated the first half and Saints the second in a match that neither team deserved to lose.

Playoffs for Sydney No.3 teams for State championships:

U13: Granville 7, Nepean 0. U14: Sutherland 2, Marconi 1.

U15: Nepean 3, Granville 2. U16: St George 1, Blacktown City 0.

SEMI FINAL RESULTS:

U13: St George 1, Granville 0. Melita 3, Nepean 1. U14: Illawarra 3, Sutherland 0. Sydney Olympic 3, Marconi 0.

U15: APIA Leichhardt 4, Granville 0. Sydney Olympic 4, Nepean 3.

U16: Marconi 3, Blacktown City 0. Sydney Olympic 2, St George 0.

Finals at St George Stadium, next Saturday Aug. 18:

2pm: U13: St George v Melita

4pm: U14: Illawarra v Sydney Olympic

6pm: U15: APIA Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic

8pm: U16: Marconi v Sydney Olympic

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1-1 1-2

4-1 1-3

3-1 1-1



Pacific Soccer Camp coach Peter Sharne with Anthony Valcich from Manly.



Pacific Camp coaches Raul Carrizo, Peter Sharne, Leo Baumgartner and Richard Alagich with Ian Collier and Anthony Wellington from Broken Hill.

PACIFIC STARS

ONCE again Pacific Soccer Camps have "signed up" a strong team for their August camps.

National coach Frank Arok and Sydney City's three-time champion coach Eddie Thomson head the list of Soccer personalities who will be coaching at the camps at Sydney University (live-in) and Macquarie University at North Ryde (non-live-in).

Top-line players who will be passing on their knowledge are St George and Australia goalkeeper Terry Greedy, Sydney City and Australia midfielder Joe Watson, Marconi winger Peter Sharne and St George striker Dez Marton.

Taking part for the first time is FIFA referee Tim Davies, who is a real character and will prove to be a popular instructor.

Camp directors will also do their bit — Richard Alagich (current Manly State League coach), Leo Baumgartner (former star player) and Fred Wall (goalkeeper coach).

Alagich said the aim was to give youngsters a fun week in which they can learn a lot about the skills of Soccer.

The live-in camp is open to players from 10 to 18, while the non-live-in camp is available to kids from six up.

The non-live-in camp is available in three sessions — morning, afternoon and full day.

For further details, see the advertisement below.

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The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

SOCCER AROUND AUSTRALIA

BIG DAY FOR STARS

BY GREG RUSSELL

PREMIER LEAGUE club North Star faces the biggest day in its history when it plays in Queensland's Ampol Cup final at Perry Park this weekend.

Stars take on Intermediate League team Lions and will go into the match as underdogs.

The northside club was set for a disastrous season up until six weeks ago when a sudden reversal of form saw them march through the early Cup rounds and to the delight of club supporters even climb away from the bottom of the table.

The turnaround came after an 0-8 thrashing at the hands of Ipswich United.

Although Stars went into the match without three key players, who were away with junior rep teams, coach Jerzy Stecki took the blame for the loss and resigned.

His assistant Iain Fagan took over the reins and North Star have not looked back since.

And while Fagan is confident his side has the form and class to beat Lions, most neutral supporters are tipping the Intermediate Leaguers.

The fact that Lions play in the competition below the Premier League will mean nothing on Cup final day.

Lions could field a side with up to nine players with NSL experience.

Lions have swept aside some fancied teams to reach the final, including Cup holders Ipswich United, and club officials say their team is determined to win the trophy to prove a point to some QSF officials.

Lions, Premier League Grand Finalists last season, were relegated out of the top competition in the QSF restructuring last season.

The club bit the bullet and finally accepted the decision after some heated fighting and vowed to be promoted back up again.

They have been locked in a battle with another former

Premier League side Valley Trident for the one promotion place and the Ampol Cup is seen as an "insurance" just in case Lions miss winning the League.

Lions will be relying on their star forward-line of former Youth Soccerer Danny Wright, who has returned from injury in time to spearhead the club's Cup challenge, former Manchester United youth player Mike Mulvey and exciting young prospect Steve Fulton.

North Star's strength is its back-four, marshalled by sweeper Jim Hermiston along with the experienced Jim Cameron, Ian Gentles and competent youngsters Steve Rowell.

Up-front, young striker Jarrod Austin also could be a surprise packet.

Although no Premier League fixtures had been scheduled for this

weekend, Mount Gravatt and Ipswich will play their washed-out first round match on Saturday at Ebbw Vale.

And so much hinges on the clash. The game will decide the President's Trophy for first round winners and could well decide Premier League championship and the much-sought-after club championship.

On recent form, the game could go either way. Both sides, which were expected to dominate the League and fight out the Cup final, have been out of form of late.

A FEW eyebrows were raised recently in an Intermediate League game when a well-known player left the field and punched a club-mate after he refused to obey officials' directions to leave the park. While surprising, the action was very effective.

PLANS by the QSF Management Committee to stage an exhibition match, involving several rule changes, has failed to gain the support of leading Queensland clubs.

The Committee wanted to stage the match as a curtain-raiser to this weekend's Ampol Cup final.

Their idea was to play a President's XI, selected by State coach Bruce Stowell, against a Media XI, picked by members of Australian Soccer Press Association (Qld) members.

The match would feature no offside and any backpasses could not be handled by the keeper.

But several clubs who are fighting for the championship or a top four berth became very reluctant to release their key players for a match which had no significance.

BELLAMBI'S DOUBLE

BY PHIL MURPHY

HOW many times have you heard people say if you play the same Soccer match two days running you would always get a different result?

West-Figtree and Bellambi proved this theory wrong when they met twice in the space of 24 hours.

Somehow they were drawn to play a Premier League match on the Saturday and a Bampton Cup semi-final the next day.

Bellambi won the Saturday game 1-0 with a goal from Shane Evans.

On the Sunday it was a repeat performance — Bellambi won 1-0 but this time Geoff Farrar got the goal from the penalty spot.

It was quite a weekend for Bellambi as they moved up from fifth spot to second and their good defensive record has other well-placed teams worried.

FAIRY MEADOW have had a bad run with defenders this season and their depth has been exposed with the loss of Richard Picc.

Picc has declared himself unavailable for three weeks for personal reasons and coach Mike Johnson must be wondering what is going on in his team.

He has already lost Mark Sweeney who went to England on a working holiday; then Ian Drain broke a leg and had to have an operation.

These three players would form the basis of any defence in the Second Division and Lady Luck certainly hasn't been smiling on the Coast team.

MICK TERZIOVSKI couldn't have picked a better time to make a comeback with Wollongong Macedonia.

He is back playing first grade after a long spell out with knee problems.

With Wollongong in the thick of the battle for promotion, Terziovski scored an important equaliser in the team's 2-1 win at Belmore.

Brother of goalkeeper Peter, Mick also has been a valuable administrator with the club and is confident they will finally make the State League.

WARILLA WANDERERS have a big problem with key player Steve Ristovski not able to speak English.

In the 1-1 draw against Bulli, Ristovski became so frustrated he demanded to be replaced.

With coach Manuel Leon not able to get to the game, the Warilla officials were naturally a bit reluctant to have him come off at such a vital stage of the game.

They were persuaded by striker Barry Robinson who told them to get a replacement on the field.

Secretary Joe Ramos says Ristovski has a big problem because he can't talk to team-mates about tactics.

"He is a very vital part of the team so we have to try to sort out the problem as quickly as possible," Ramos said.

WE'LL BRING TROPHY BACK, SAYS QUEENSLAND COACH

THE coach of the South Queensland women's Soccer State team is determined that the National Championship trophy will come back to the Sunshine State this year.

Speaking to Marise Stephens, the manager of the team and also the publicity officer for the State, I found that instead of tapering off the girl's activities as other States are doing at this time, Fred Robins is pouring the training into them.

He is concentrating on getting perfection out of his team and Geebung in Brisbane's

northern suburbs is the venue for the groans and thuds of hard-kicked Soccer balls.

Fred had his State side at training every Saturday since the beginning of July.

They will continue, leaving for Canberra just before the Championships start on August 28.

The South Queensland side contains quite a number of new members

this year.

Half of the side chosen to represent the State in Western Australia last year are missing from the line-up this time.

One of the goalkeepers, KAYE O'SULLIVAN from the Riverside club, will be repeating her performance as a top keeper. She played in W.A. after having a break from competitive football the previous

year.

SUE BUBECK is the other keeper. She comes from Toowoomba and came into State selection last year when she played in Perth.

Promising full-back, KYM DUNLOP, is a product of the juniors, having played in the Under 18 Brisbane Youth side. She is also a new player to State representation and comes from the Riverside club, so she should have a good understanding with O'Sullivan.

Completing the quartet from the Riverside club are midfielder TRACEY SMITH and forward, LAINIE THORNE. Both girls made their debut in the WA tournament.

One of the established players in the side is JOANNE MILLMAN. A player of some nine years standing, Joanne is now playing with her sixth State side.

An experienced full-back, Millman is a valuable player in the Australian team and will be travelling to China with the national side.

KERRY MILLMAN is a player with much midfield experience and at 20 is just starting to show her potential in that position.

Chosen from the 1981 Sth Queensland side to represent Australia, Kerry also played in W.A. last year as a midfielder.

Both of the Millman girls are from the Easts club in Brisbane and Kerry will also be touring with the Australia

side this year to China.

Hard running forward, LYN SPENDER, first came into the Sth Queensland side in 1980 for the Adelaide championship.

She has represented South Queensland in every championship since then. Lyn is also from the Easts club.

Another Easts player, and coming up from the U18 Brisbane Youth side, is VANESSA CLAYTON.

Chosen as a full-back, Vanessa is making her first appearance with the State's top side this year.

Captain of the Sth Queensland side for three years running, SUE MONTEATH, must be regarded as the most experienced member of the side.

Sue has represented her State since 1979 and also commenced her long, unbroken run of Australian representation from that year.

A cool, hard working midfielder for club and State, she plays for Grange Thistle in Brisbane.

A hard-working full-back from the same club is STEPHANIE McMAHON. This is her second appearance for the State side and follows her good showing in Perth last year.

A newcomer to the Sth Queensland side this year, but an extremely experienced player nonetheless, is JULIE DOLAN.

Julie started her playing career with New South Wales in 1976 and played with that side

until 1981. Due to study, she moved to Northern NSW and played in the Northern State side.

Dolan was chosen in the 1976 Australian squad and has represented Australia almost constantly since then.

She is a "general" in midfield, laying-off balls with uncanny accuracy. A Grange Thistle player.

A player who is sure to benefit from Dolan's passes is LISE HADLEY, also from the Grange Thistle club. This is her first time in for State selection and coach Robins is expecting her to perform well.

One of the hard workers in the team is veteran player MICHELLE SAWYERS.

A player from 1973, Michelle has represented Sth Queensland in 1974, '76, '78, '79, '81, '82 and '83.

Michelle, as well as playing top Soccer, is a busy housewife, looking after two lively children, 6 and 3 years old.

Playing for the Coalstars club, she is a devastating full-back and toured with the successful Australian side to Hawaii last year.

Another new player in the team is JENNY CUMMING from the Coalstars club. Jenny is a forward.

KAREN STACEY, from the Sunshine Coast club, is a new player but with loads of experience.



MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL

North Island, New Zealand First XI Girls' Soccer team for Australian Tour, August 1984 — Playing Kotara, Cardiff, Gateshead and Richmond River.

The Team: Back Row: Tokarahi Vaetoru (15, Defence), Jill Hartley (17, Utility, an AFS student from USA), Claudia Huber (15, Midfield).

Middle Row: Yvette Watson (13, Midfield), Debbie Young (15, Midfield), Sheryl Brown (16, Striker), Bronwyn Marshall (16, Defence), Duong Ngo (15, Midfield), Mr Ed Beuning (Manager-Coach).

Front Row: Karen Sutton (17, Utility), Vanessa Caidwell (13, Defence), Megan Wilson (16, Goalkeeper), Angela Dye (16, Midfield, Captain), Denise Longley (18, Striker), Sarah Redknapp (16, Defence).

DON BALMAIN'S

WOMEN'S SOCCER

RIVERINA v ILLAWARRA?

RIVERINA officials are aiming to play a trial against the strong Illawarra representatives at Wagga on September 30.

The aim is to build up the Riverina squad for its epoch-making games against the Australian Youth team.

These will be played at Albury on October 26 and in Wagga on October 30, with Coca-Cola as the sponsor.

Riverina officials will negotiate for an Illawarra U19 select side to match their skills against Wagga U19 as a curtain-raiser to the Wagga clash.

Also on the "wanted list" is Illawarra's U11 representative boys, as they would provide extra entertainment for the crowd at the Wagga game.

Promotional chairman Barry Sadleir said that the Riverina squad would be announced at Wagga after a special meeting with coach Chico Vojnovic and other members of the committee on Saturday.

The Riverina squad will get together for the first time in September.



BARCELONA DON'T KEEP THEM LONG!

BARCELONA are not renowned as loyal employers of their coaches — and this must surely worry new team boss Terry Venables (pictured).

In the past six years, seven coaches have filled the top job with the Spanish side.

Their nationalities were French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian,

German and Argentinian... and now comes Englishman Venables.

Udo Lattek of West Germany holds the record for long-service with Barcelona.

When he was sacked in 1983, Lattek proclaimed: "I've been in Barcelona for 18 months — and that's a record!"

Venables would be happy to relieve Lattek of the honour.

TOKYO MATCH DOUBT

THERE are grave doubts about the Toyota Cup, for the world club championship, being staged this year.

Liverpool from England are due to play Independiente of Argentina in the big match in Tokyo on December 9.

Argentine believes it would be wrong for teams from two nations

which were at war so recently to play against each other.

This, despite efforts by politicians from both countries to sort out the Falkland Islands controversy which inspired the war.

Independiente beat Gremio of Brazil to qualify for the Tokyo match against Liverpool.

An official of the Brazilian Football Federation says Gremio will

be happy to replace Independiente in the intercontinental final, if the Argentinians refuse to play.

SWITZERLAND, England, France and Brazil provided the clubs for the annual pre-season tournament in Geneva.

Servette, Everton, St Germain and Botafogo were the teams involved.

JOSE MARIA GARCIA, rated the top football commentator in Spain, has been given a two-months suspended jail sentence.

His "crime" had nothing to do with sport. All Garcia did was to describe two Government Ministers as clowns!

DID you know the Vatican City has its own Soccer championship?

The Final was played recently. The police team, known as Vigilancia, beat the Library 3-2 with two Library players being booked!

WHOLE NEW BALL GAME NOT MANY MARKS FOR TEAM BOSS

CLUBS in the North American Soccer League will keep a close watch on an interesting experiment being tried in American football.

When Temple University start their season with a match against Pitt in Philadelphia on September 22, they will combine the match with a live entertainment programme.

The big attraction will be the Beach Boys.

"I think the market

is ready for something like this," said an official from Temple.

"I think it's going to be a practical buy. What we really want is to get Ma and Pa and everybody else involved.

The charge to go into the ground will be \$14.

That is \$2 more than for just a game of football, but patrons will also get a 75-minute music concert from one of the world's best-known groups.

JUPP DERWALL (right) wasn't exactly overpaid during his six years as manager of West Germany's national team.

When he quit recently after pressure from unhappy German fans, Derwall was getting around \$800 a week.

That's peanuts for the "pleasure" of being in the hot seat.

Franz Beckenbauer has been offered nearly double that figure as Der-

wall's successor but even this seems paltry pay for such an important job.

Even club coaches in West Germany do better than that. For instance, Ernst Happel of Hamburg SV has a basic salary of \$3,000 a week and, with bonuses, that could be doubled.



FANS WILL SHOOT TOO

ARGENTINIAN spectators play it rough — as players of Rosario Central discovered recently.

During a training session, gunmen wearing masks burst in waving loaded revolvers.

It seems the intruders were Rosario fans making a demonstration of fire power because their team was at the bottom of the competition table.

The fans warned players that the guns would be used if Rosario did not get two points from their forthcoming match.

The shock treatment must have worked. A few days later, Rosario Central had their first win for several weeks.

THE WORLD GAME



AFRICA CALLS JEAN VINCENT

JEAN VINCENT, the Frenchman who was Cameroon's coach in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, has had offers to return to Africa.

But Vincent says he'd rather stay in France.

He was coaching Rennes last season and pledged he would take the team back to the first division.

Vincent was not successful — so he has left Rennes after only one year in charge.

ITALIAN TOUR WAS NO HELP

NOTHING goes right for Gordon Cowans, Aston Villa's English international winger, when he travels to Europe.

Cowans, who missed the whole of last season with a smashed shinbone he collected in a pre-season match in Spain, went to Italy recently for Villa's tour.

But he was unable to play due to injury.

It was not the Spanish injury this time.

Cowans had trouble with his ankle and this prevented his comeback.

"The leg has not been used for such a long time, it is causing problems," said Cowans.

"I realise now I will have to work harder to build up the leg before I can consider a serious comeback."

THEY'LL SELL ANYONE

URUGUAY'S national team enjoys a rating "best in South America," so it's not surprising the country has been raped by talent scouts from many other countries.

Small in terms of area and population, Uruguay, nevertheless, has no fewer than 44 of its players with foreign clubs.

This makes the Uruguayans the world's biggest exporters of football talent.

Those 44 players are spread around thus: Argentina 13, Colombia 9, Brazil 8, Mexico 4, Chile 3, Spain 3, Paraguay 1, USA 1, Greece 1 and France 1.

Maybe Australia, with Craig Johnston, Eddie Krncevic and David Mitchell signed by foreign clubs, shouldn't complain.

MUNOZ IS IN THE MONEY

ALTHOUGH Spain did not win the European Championship, their effort in reaching the final convinced the Spanish Football Federation that the tide has turned.

Team manager Miguel Munoz has been given a new contract worth a basic \$120,000 a year.

Munoz has also been promised double the winning bonuses received by Spain's international players.

The contract will take Munoz up to the end of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.



Cameroon players in action in the 1982 World Cup Finals in their 0-0 draw with Peru. The Cameroon coach in '82 was Jean Vincent, who hasn't had success in France.

CHILLY IN CHILE!

FANS of a team in Chile have been giving their players a chilly reception, which is not surprising.

The players of Universidad de Chile have gone on strike.

They failed to show up for the first match of the season, claiming they had not been paid since May.

Universidad fielded a youth team and were beaten 2-0 by Rangers.

Players reckon the club owes them around \$4,000,000.

THE Brazilian Federation will name its national coach in January 1985.

The tip is it'll be Tele Santana, the man who did such a great job with the 1982 Brazilians in the World Cup before leaving for Saudi Arabia to make a lot of money.

DYNAMO BERLIN, drawn to play Scottish champions Aberdeen in the European Cup, are not happy about playing a British side.

In previous European matches, the Berliners have been eliminated by Aston Villa, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

They will not find Aberdeen any easier.



FENWICK SETS SIGHTS HIGH

QUEENS PARK RANGERS captain Terry Fenwick has set his sights high for the new season.

Fenwick says he wants to lead QPR to the first division championship at Liverpool's expense and also be appointed captain of England.

"I'm confident about Rangers chances this year," said Fenwick. "We've got a tremendous squad and we could have won the title last season."

"It's time for a change in the championship and Liverpool won't be the same without Graeme Souness. This could be the year to tuck them up."

Fenwick now has six English international caps but says: "That's not enough for me — I want 56. I'm not going to settle for a handful of caps."

All of which suggests Terry Fenwick is a very ambitious young man.

GOULD WAS TIRED

COVENTRY CITY started last season like a house on fire but faded so badly, they were almost relegated.

Team manager Bobby Gould has been analysing what went wrong.

"I was to blame. I was very tired by mid-season and really needed a break, away from it all," he said.

"Brian Clough is a past master when it comes to this problem. He regularly takes time off for a rest during the season and comes back thoroughly refreshed."

"I had 18 tough months with Bristol Rovers and then got straight into rebuilding the Coventry side. I never stopped and the price had to be paid," added Gould.



BOBBY GOULD: took the blame.

VILLA MISS CASH

SWEDISH international Lars Larsson will be playing for Inter Milan this season — and that news will not go down well with Aston Villa.

Larsson was on trial with Villa six years ago but was rejected because somebody decided he was too small.

Inter Milan paid a fee of \$1,600,000 for the Swede. That money would have been welcome at Villa Park.



PETER BARNES in action for Manchester United.

MANCHESTER UNITED boss Ron Atkinson has confirmed that he is no longer interested in signing Peter Barnes from Leeds United.

Barnes played with United as a guest during their tour in Australia but there was never much chance of a transfer.

If he had turned in a string of sensational performances, Atkinson could have been tempted. We saw no such performances in Australia.

MO HAS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

MAURICE JOHNSTON, Watford's Scottish international forward, was one of the goal stars of last season — scoring 24 in 36 games after being transferred from Partick Thistle — but can he keep up the good work?

"Mo" realises if his scoring touch deserts him he will be branded a one-year wonder.

His own 1983-84 form is a hard act to follow.

Watford boss Graham Taylor had huge praise for the Scot when he summed up the season thus: "Mo was brilliant. What happened was beyond the bounds of what I thought possible when I signed him. I simply did not expect such an explosion of goals."

"He can do it again this season. It is up to the team to create chances because, if Mo

gets the service, he will ALWAYS get goals."

Johnston has been compared with Charlie Nicholas, who also travelled south from Scotland hoping to score plenty of goals for Arsenal. But Mo got twice as many goals as Charlie in fewer games and his transfer was much cheaper.

Now Mo has a link with showbiz. His girl friend is Coleen Nolan, the 19-year-old youngest member of the singing Nolan sisters.

The pair met at a Watford club where the Nolans were performing.



"MO" JOHNSTON: looking ahead.

SAMMY NELSON, assistant manager of Brighton, has upset the club's players by bringing out a book of rules for them to follow.

The book covers just about everything from training routines to giving TV interviews.

Most of the players believe the book treats them like children!

VINCE HILAIRE, who looked like becoming a super striker a few years ago, hopes to get back in the big time with his new club, Luton Town.

At Crystal Palace, Hilaire's game slumped while Palace slumped.

Walsh, who cost Liverpool

\$1,200,000, will not be missed if Hilaire turns on some of his old black magic.



WILLIE YOUNG has decided to retire and return to his native Scotland after being sacked by Nottingham Forest.

Young was a towering centre-half with



LAWRIE McMENEMY

BOSSES DON'T STAY LONG

IF anyone needs convincing that team managers have a short life in England, just check on the changes in the past year or so.

Since the end of the 1982-83 season, half of the 92 clubs in the Football League have had a change of boss!

Lawrie McMenemy of Southampton is the longest-serving manager with one club, having put in 11 years at the Dell.

Next best among the long-servers is John Lyall who, this year, will complete 10 years with West Ham United.

And only eight managers appointed before the 1980's are still in their jobs.

HE'S FED UP

GARRY BROOKE, a more-than-useful midfielder with Spurs, is determined to get away from White Hart Lane and has spoken to a couple of clubs about a move.

Brooke says he is fed up with the constant changes made in Spurs line-up and has demanded a transfer.

"All I want is guaranteed first team football," he said, "and that is something I have been unable to get with Spurs."

Aberdeen, Spurs and Arsenal before moving to Forest and played for Scotland.

TOMMY DOCHERTY was talking about his new job at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

"I applied for the job, spoke with Derek Dougan the chairman, and left things in the lap of the gods."

"Doog phoned me 24 hours later and asked if I wanted the good news or the bad news. I opted for the bad news first and Doog told me I'd got the job!"

By the way, there is no record of the good news.

"You need a sense of humour in this game," said The Doc.



BAD news for Nottingham Forest. International centre-forward Garry Birtles is likely to be out of action until Christmas with the back injury which handicapped him on Forest's Australian trip.